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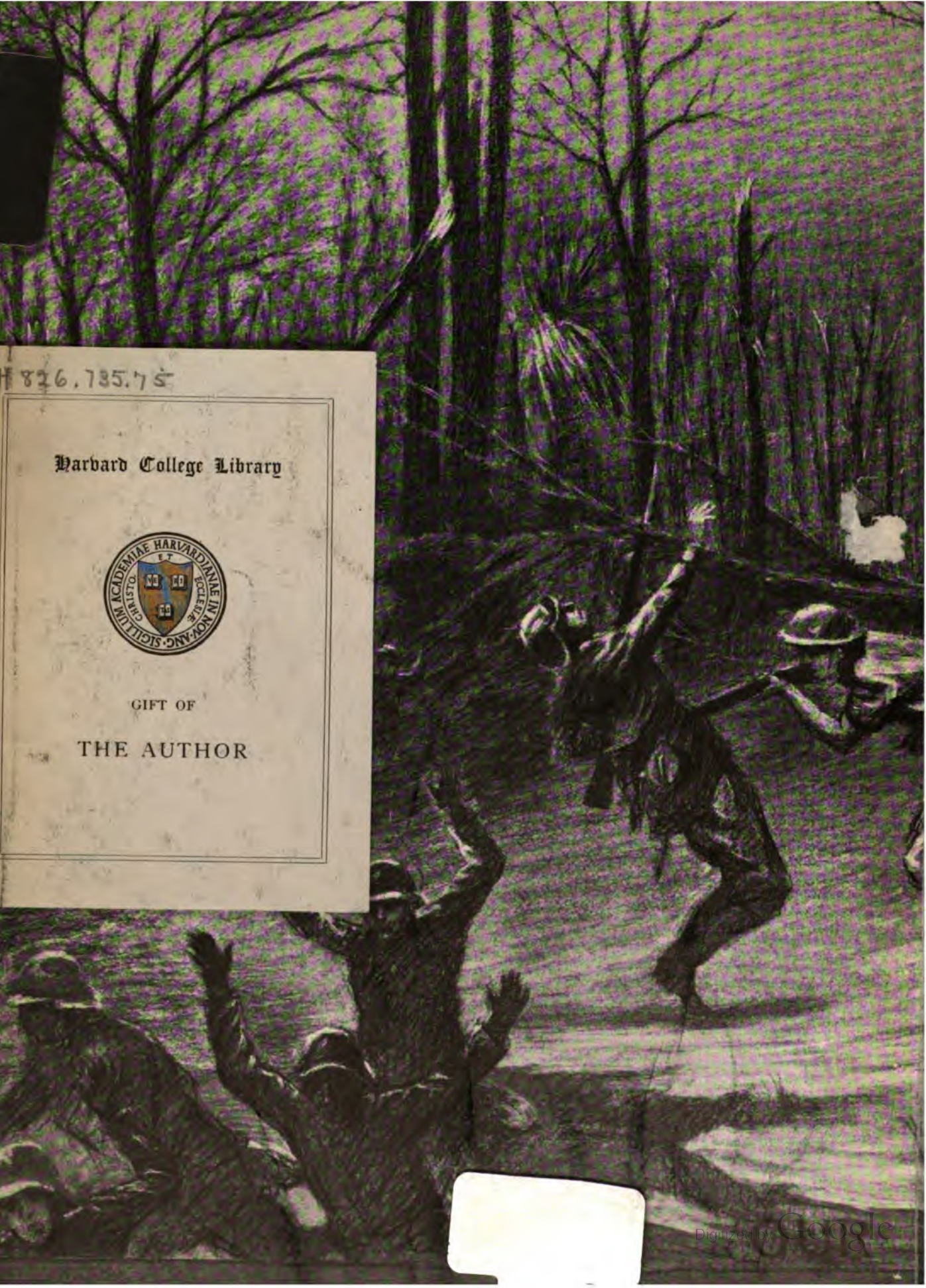
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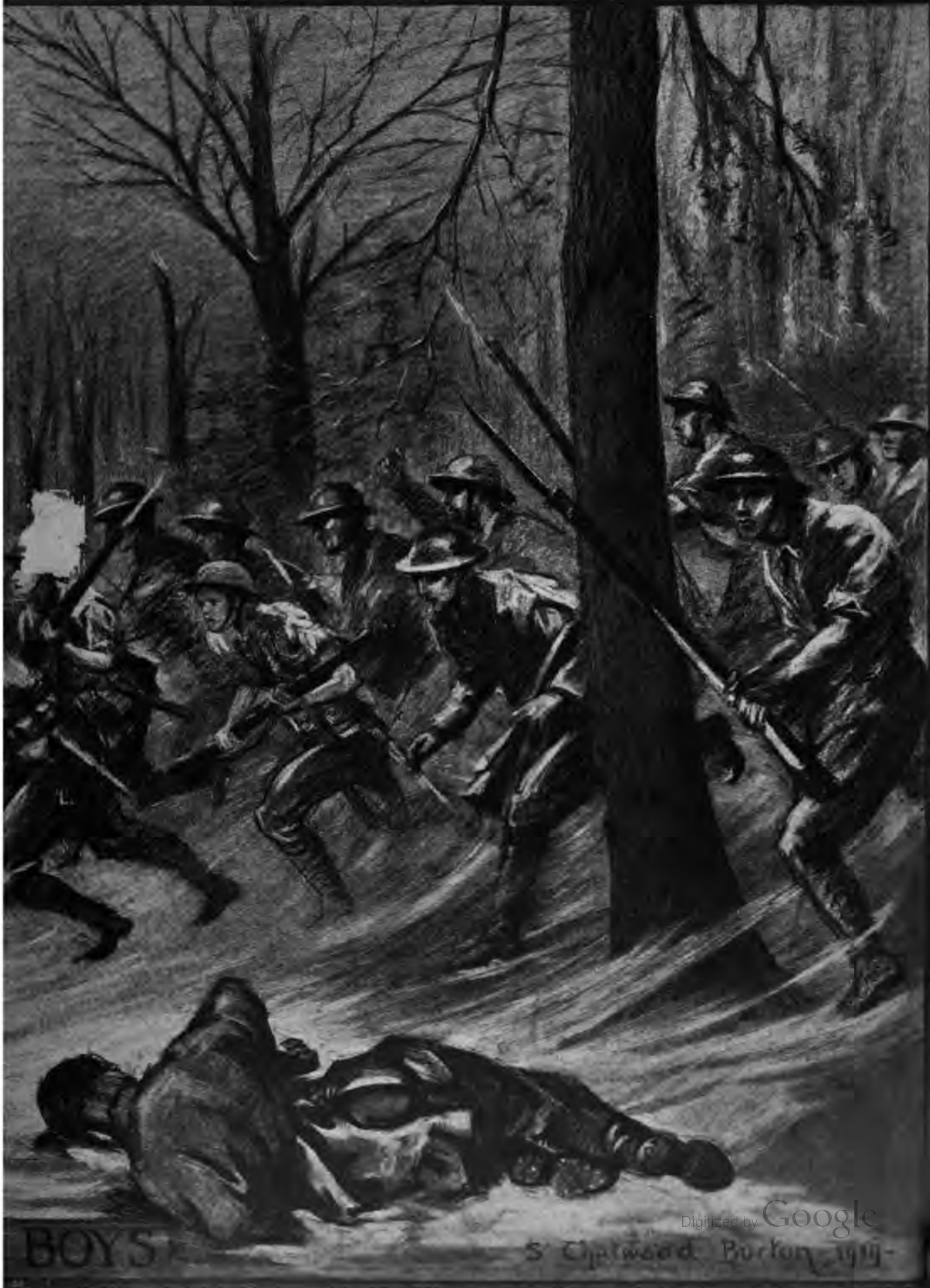
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COLONEL CHAUNCEY BENTON HUMPHREY
Commanding Officer 805th
Pioneer Infantry



DEDICATION

THIS Book is dedicated to the Enlisted Men of the 805th Pioneer Infantry, faithful participants in the Great War. Heeding the call of the nation, they cheerfully went where duty called, performing with a whole heart the difficult tasks set them, and so conducting themselves that they won the reputation of being the most soldierly colored regiment in the Army of the United States.





FOREWORD

THIS history of the 805th Pioneer Infantry had its beginning at Brest, when almost all the men and officers subscribed to a fund for its publication. Major Paul S. Bliss, Adjutant, was appointed historian by Colonel C. B. Humphrey and was authorized to proceed with the publication of the volume. Company officers co-operated generously, and provided histories of their organizations and rosters. It is hoped that it will meet with the approval of all members of the regiment.

P. S. B

October, 1919



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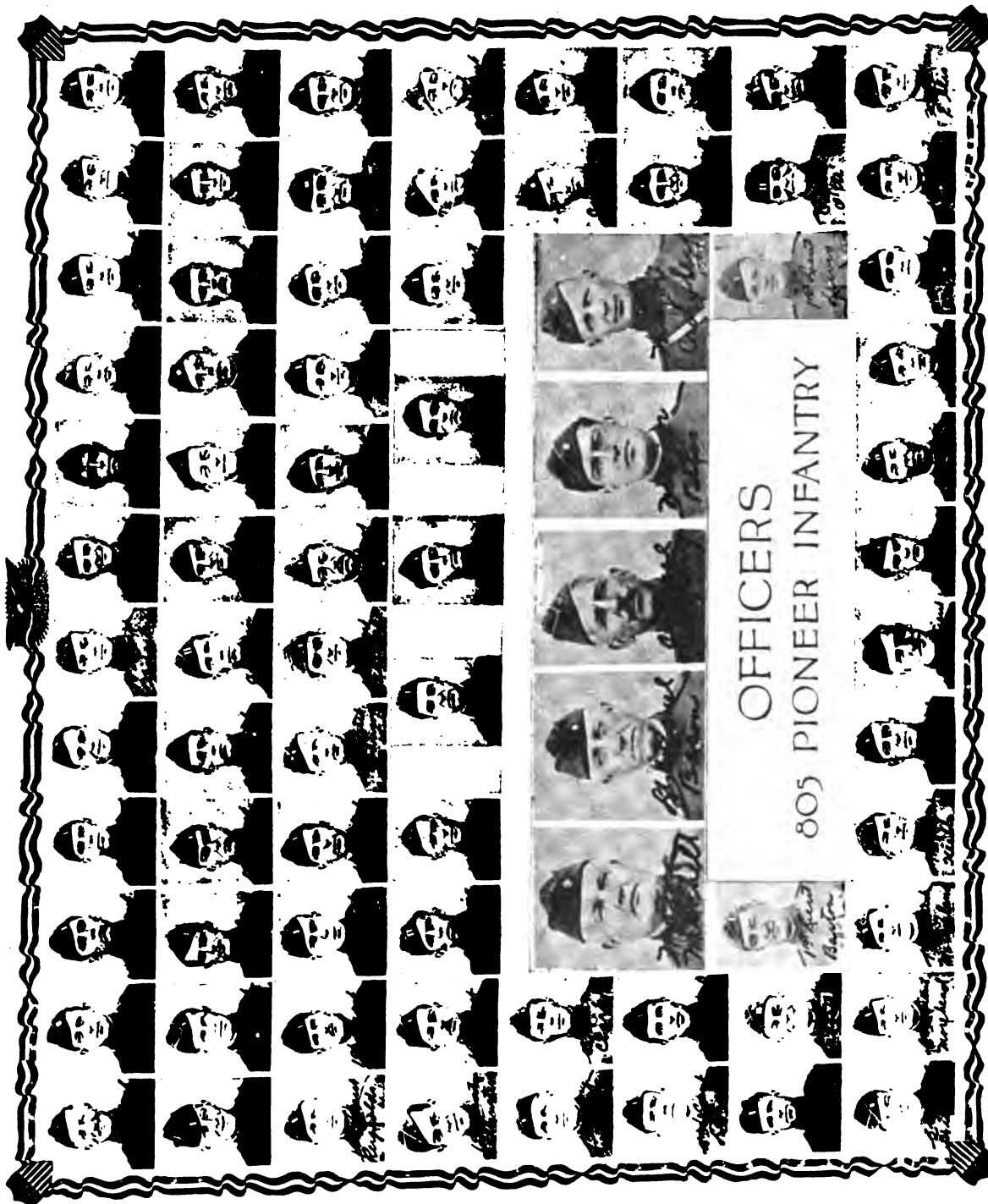
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PVT. NED BROOKS Company "A"
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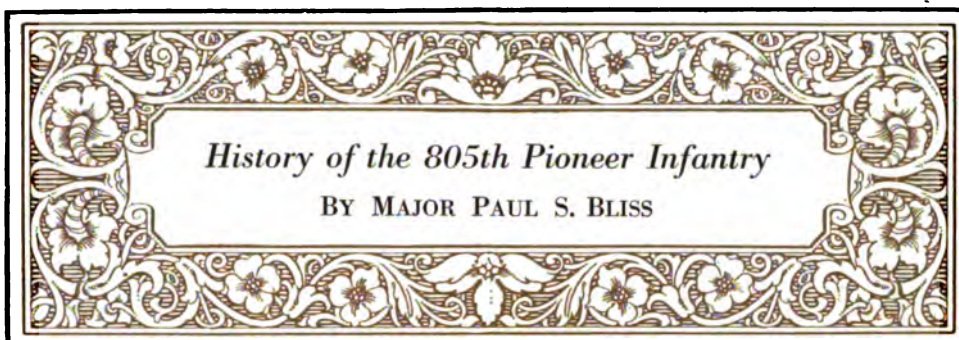


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805 PIONEER INFANTRY



ACTING under authority conferred by Sections 2, 8, and 9 of the Act of Congress, "To authorize the President to increase temporarily the Military Establishment of the United States," approved May 18, 1917, President Wilson directed May 23, 1918, the organization of eight colored infantry regiments. Two of these were ordered to be raised and equipped at Camp Funston, Kan., in a War Department letter dated June 27, 1918, which follows:

WAR DEPARTMENT
The Adjutant General's Office,

WASHINGTON, JUNE 27, 1918

From: The Adjutant General of the Army.
To: The Commanding General, Camp Funston, Kansas.
Subject: Numerical designations and location of eight colored infantry Regiments directed organized as National Army Camps.

1. You are informed that the colored Infantry Regiments directed organized at the following Camps, in a letter from the Adjutant General dated May 23rd, 1918, are numerically designated as listed below:

Camp Funston, 805th Infantry, National Army, (Colored)

Camp Funston, 806th Infantry, National Army, (Colored)

By order of the Secretary of War.

(Signed) ROY A. HILL,

Adjutant General.

General Leonard Wood, commanding at Camp Funston, lost no time in getting at his task. He named Lieut. Colonel Lawrence P. Butler, of the 164th Depot Brigade, as commanding officer of the 805th Infantry, and the Depot Brigade under Par. 8, S. O. 165, dated July 5, ordered five captains, four first lieutenants and thirty-one second lieutenants to report to Colonel Butler for duty.

Three officers from the Regular Army were assigned under separate special orders, and on July 8 the first written order that passed over the Adjutant's desk made its appearance. It was issued at Headquarters, Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, Kan., a military camp of which Colonel Butler had not yet been relieved of command, and made the following assignments:

FIELD OFFICERS

Lieut. Col. L. P. Butler, Commanding.

Major A. C. Evans, 1st Battalion.

Major J. E. Creed, 2nd Battalion.

Major A. D. Cowley, 3rd Battalion.

ADJUTANT

Captain Paul S. Bliss.

PERSONNEL ADJUTANT

1st Lieut. Theodore M. Gleason.

HEADQUARTERS COMPANY

2nd Lieut. Harold E. Johnson.
2nd Lieut. Raymond F. Olinger.

SUPPLY COMPANY

2nd Lieut. Warren G. Cook.
2nd Lieut. W. S. McFarland.
2nd Lieut. G. W. Steagall.

FIRST BATTALION

Company "A"

Captain Onan C. Adkins.
2nd Lieut. W. W. Locke.

Company "B"

2nd Lieut. Carl F. Cranz.
2nd Lieut. Malcolm R. Ingraham
2nd Lieut. George A. Kingsley.

Company "C"

1st Lieut. Harry V. Replogle.
2nd Lieut. Walden P. Hobbs.

Company "D"

2nd Lieut. O. F. Ireland.
2nd Lieut. L. P. Lengendre.

MACHINE GUN COMPANY

Captain F. D. Moses.
2nd Lieut. M. P. Lewis.
2nd Lieut. James Keeble, Jr.
2nd Lieut. Frank T. Knox.

SECOND BATTALION

Company "E"

2nd Lieut. William H. Hubbard.
2nd Lieut. Orley E. Ooley

Company "F"

2nd Lieut. Edward J. Puryear.
2nd Lieut. W. H. Leatherwood.

Company "G"

1st Lieut. George M. Bragan.
2nd Lieut. Albin DeBerry.
2nd Lieut. James H. Lansing.

Company "H"

Captain O. R. Reed.
2nd. Lieut. Louis C. Henin.

THIRD BATTALION

Company "I"

1st Lieut. H. C. Carpenter.
2nd Lieut. Frederick H Jones.
2nd Lieut. Harold L. Hemstreet.

Company "L"

2nd Lieut. James M. Moore.
2nd Lieut. Sidney B. Outlaw

Company "K"

Captain A. C. Woodruff.
2nd Lieut. Robert E. Maris.
2nd Lieut. Edgar D. Johnson.

Company "M"

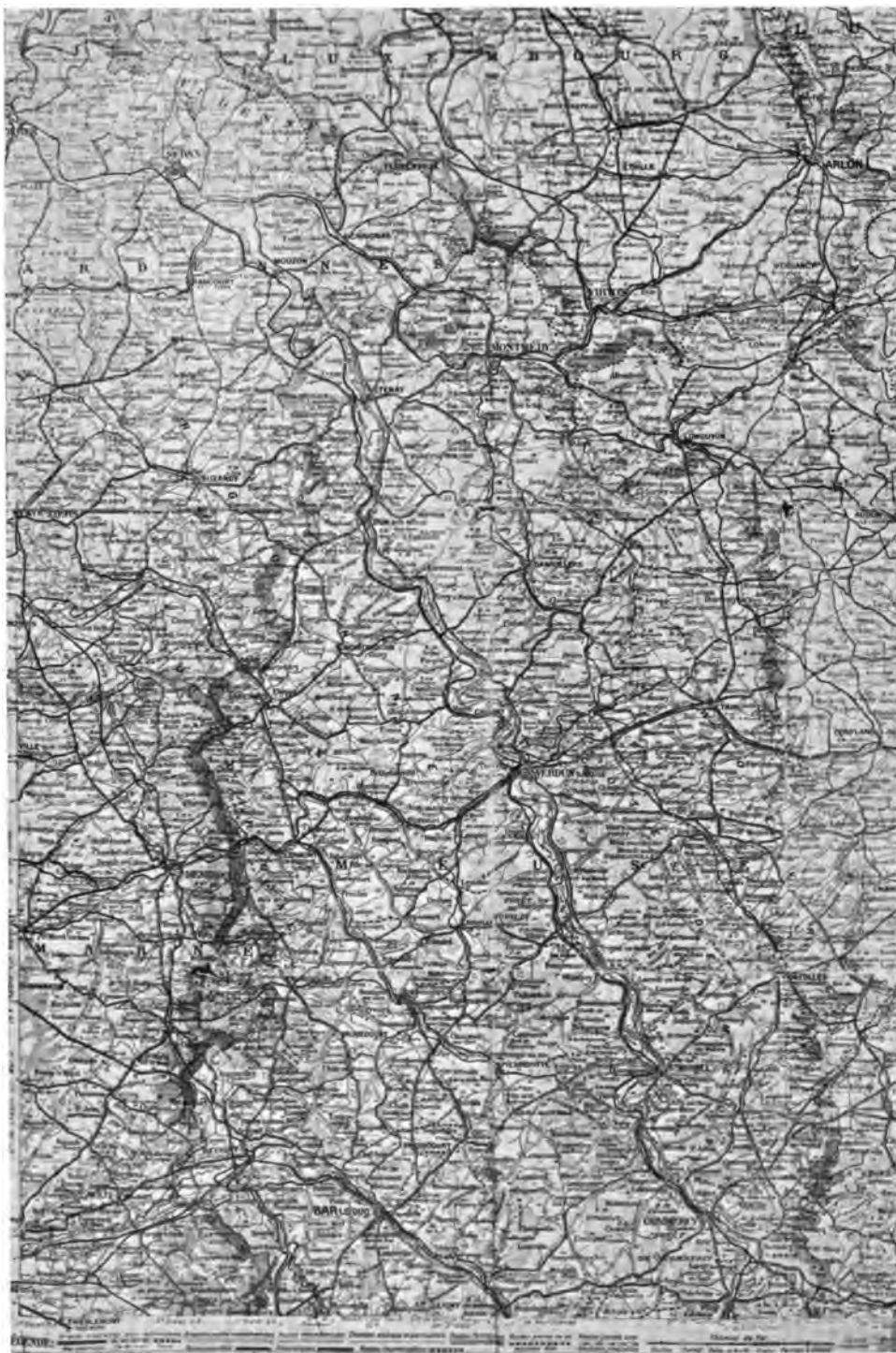
2nd Lieut. Charles Y. Martin.
2nd Lieut. Henry H. Middleton.

The order also stated that the work to be taken up during the remainder of the regiment's stay at Detention Camp would be target practice—special course "C," W. D., changes No. 20, which would be completed by Saturday night, July 13. This, in itself, was a seemingly impossible task. Already, however, it was known that the 805th Infantry, and its sister, the 806th, would be "rushed out" with all possible dispatch.

The officers named were engaged with colored provisional companies from which the enlisted men of the new regiment were to be drawn. They were to remain with those organizations but were to turn over company funds to other officers who were to relieve them.

It was a tremendous task they had to do. It involved the preparation of innumerable lists and constant checking of records. The heat, winds, and rain, not to mention the dust, made work in pyramidal tent orderly rooms difficult. Many candle lights flickered until far into the night. But no one complained: it was a furious pace, but the need was great.

Meanwhile, barracks in Camp Funston itself, at the eastern end of the cantonment formerly occupied by the 92nd Division, had been assigned, and the Adjutant had arranged for the remodeling of one of the office buildings, and had assigned barracks to the various companies. This was not without its difficulties, for an Engineer Service Battalion, whose orders to move were delayed in coming, was in place.



THE MEUSE-ARGONNE AREA, FRANCE

On July 12 the following memorandum was issued:

The 805th Infantry will march to its quarters in the 18th and 19th Units, Camp Funston, Kansas, Monday, July 15, at 6:30 A. M. Order of march: 1st Bn., 3rd Bn., 2nd Bn. The Headquarters Company will be attached to the 1st Bn.; M. G. Co. to 3rd Bn.; Supply Co. to 2nd Bn.

The leading company will set a pace of $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles per 50 minutes. First halt end of first 30 minutes for 15 minutes; thereafter every 50 minutes for 10 minutes.

All officers of the 805th Infantry who are now in the 2nd Prov. Regt. have been ordered to report at Hdq., 1st Prov. Regt. at 4:30 A. M., Monday, July 15.

Officers' messes will be by battalion, and Headquarters: 1st Bn. Mess, Bldg. 1806; 2nd Battalion Mess, Bldg. 1805; 3rd Bn. Mess, Bldg. 1904; Headquarters Mess, in which officers of the Headquarters Co., M. G. Co., and Supply Co., will participate, Bldg. 1902.

Officers receiving service records will examine them prior to Sunday night and see that they contain all the information necessary.

By order of Lieutenant Colonel Butler:

PAUL S. BLISS,
Captain Infantry, R. C.
Adjutant.

Headed by Colonel Butler and his adjutant, both horsed, the column moved out as scheduled and reached Funston in time for dinner, which had been prepared by cooks from each company sent in two days ahead. There were 1,100 enlisted men in the organization at the time. They came in under Par. 3, S. O. 169 Headquarters, 164th Depot Brigade, dated July 9. Three hundred of these were attached and were transferred late in July to an organization called the "August Automatic Replacement Draft."

Colonel Butler immediately inaugurated an intensive "I. D. R." program, which kept his officers and men well occupied. He began an equitation class which all officers entitled to mounts gladly attended. As he had been a cavalry officer, and always a polo player, his methods of instruction were careful, yet sure, and rapid progress was made.

Meantime copies of an extract of Par. 205, S. O. 143, War Department, dated June 25, had been received. They read as follows:

Colonel Chauncey B. Humphrey, Infantry, is relieved from his present assignment at Panama Canal Zone and will proceed to Camp Funston, Fort Riley, Kan., reporting upon his arrival for duty with a colored infantry regiment.

Colonel Humphrey had been assigned to the 805th Infantry by General Wood. The regiment awaited his coming with interest. He arrived July 23, tanned with three years in the tropics, a tall, powerfully built officer, light on his feet as a cat, giving the impression of tremendous nervous energy.

All that he asked of his officers and men was—perfection. His expression, "Why not Excellent?", which often appeared on his memoranda to company officers, was the hammer with which he drove home his points. He asked that bricks be made—and somehow the straw was found.

In his first talk to his men he told them he wanted them to be "Bearcats." It was a name that stuck. The regiment was known in Funston as the "Bearcat" Regiment.

A white dog, woolly, well-bred, a fighter from the drop of the hat, strayed into camp—"Bearcat," that was his name from the start. He looked the part. Pvt. Parks, later corporal, the Colonel's orderly, took charge of him. "Bearcat" was and is the regimental mascot. On being "demobilized" he went to live with Colonel Humphrey's family in New York.

Headquarters was a busy place. The myriad details connected with insurance, allotments, service records, equipment, training, rationing, played their now forgotten part.

The Depot Brigade was under orders to turn over 1,500 more men. It was preparing to fill the officer personnel to requirements.



The "Daily Bulletin" which was published at 11 A. M. each day meant work in every paragraph. The heat was terrific. Dust storms came up in three minutes and buried papers and books, filled eyes and noses with scorching particles.

There came the following telegram:

WASHINGTON, D. C., 4 P. M., JULY 27, 1918.

Commanding General,
Camp Funston, Kansas:

Direct Eight Hundred Fifth and Eight Hundred Sixth Infantry now organizing your camp under series A Tables of Organization to organize under Table One Hundred Three Tables of Organization series B March 27 nineteen hundred eighteen and designate regiments as Eight Hundred and Fifth and Eight Hundred and Sixth Pioneer Infantry, respectively.

McCain, 405 PM.

"Pioneer"—the word was fraught with meaning. Conversation was plentiful. It meant immediate change. The tables referred to showed no machine gun company. Special Order 34, Par. 1 and 2, Hq. 805th Pioneer Infantry, was the result: it transferred the officers and men of this company, of which Captain F. D. Moses was commander, to other organizations within the regiment.

Eight more pioneer infantry regiments were to be organized—two, the 815th and 816th, at Camp Funston. A letter from the Adjutant General of the Army so ordered.

Promotions, changes followed in due course. The eagles replaced the silver leaf on Colonel Butler's shoulders, and he was informed that he would command the 815th; Major Evans was transferred to the same organization, under a War Department order dated August 12.

The Depot Brigade assigned 50 officers; revoked the order, and on August 8, under Par. 17, S. O. 217, Hq. Camp Funston, Kan., 8 captains, 36 first lieutenants, and 7 second lieutenants came to share the fortunes of the "Bearcat" Pioneers. The 806th was similarly provided. The captains were: Henry B. Abbott, J. W. Finley, James R. McCabe, George B. Otte, Ewart W. Dick, Thomas A. Immell, Thomas R. Lindsey, and Herbert M. Nelson.

Colonel Humphrey drew up a concise weekly program of instruction which was issued on the regimental mimeograph machine.

The enlisted strength of the command was constantly being augmented. A Depot Brigade order of July 30 added 1,256 men. Approximately the same number was added under an order dated August 15.

From the 25th Infantry, then in Hawaii, came 25 enlisted Regulars.

Specialists came in as follows:

38 mechanics and motor drivers from Training Detachment, Prairie View, Tex.
20 horse shoers and men chiefly skilled in care of horses, from Training Detachment, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

The regulars and specialists were distributed among the companies except that the Supply Company drew all but one from the Tuskegee Detachment, and that the Headquarters and Supply Companies absorbed most of the mechanics and motor men.

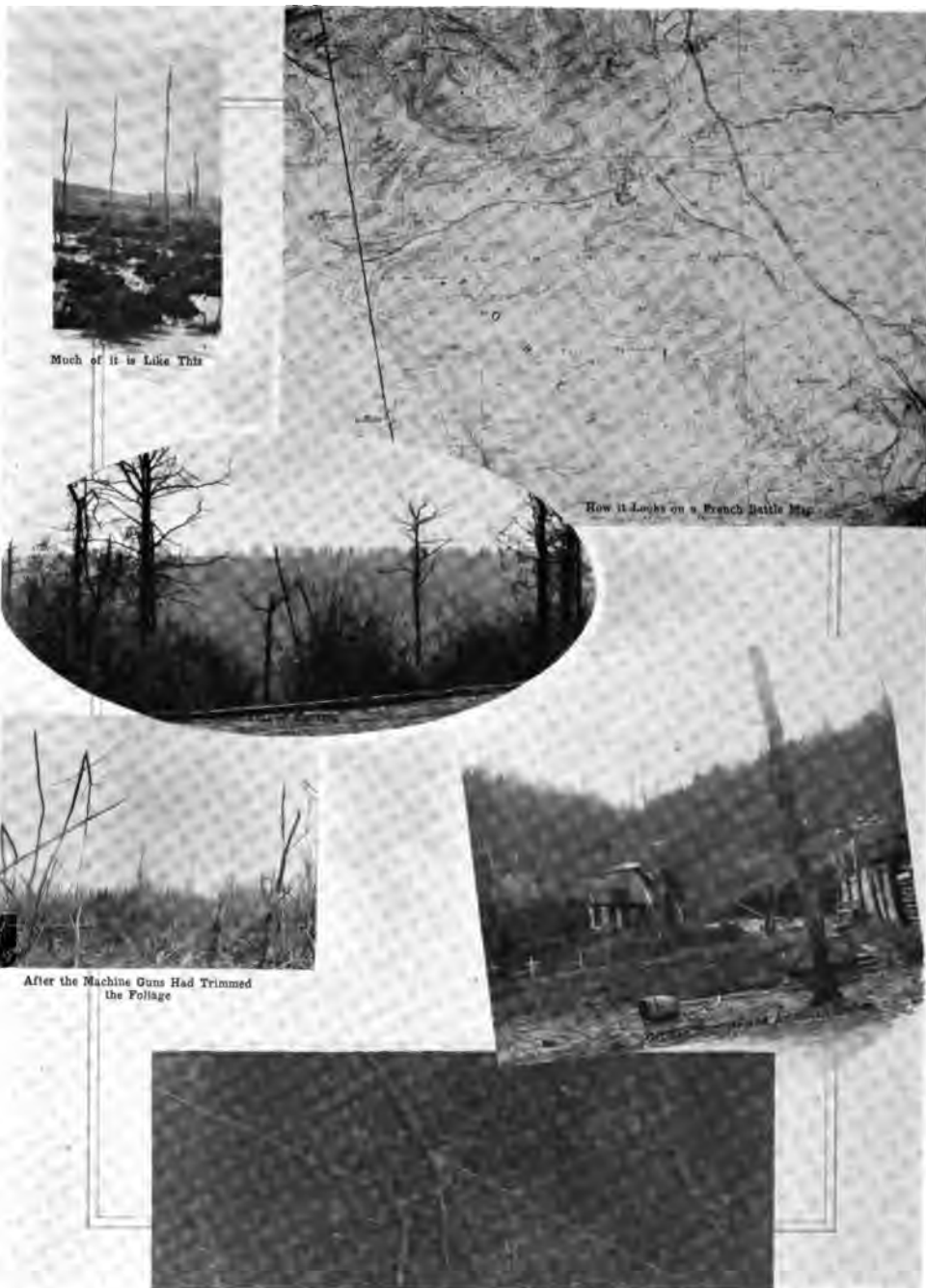
Five days before we left Camp Funston the Depot Brigade added 123 more men.

These orders totalled 3,526 men, but the regiment entrained with an enlisted strength of 3,226 and 99 officers. The tables called for 3,450 men and 101 officers. The losses are accounted for chiefly by transfers of enlisted men because of physical disability.

There are many pleasant memories of August.

General Wood called for a regimental review daily on the parade ground opposite the Zone. The 805th passed the stand on several occasions, and made an excellent showing. Colonel Humphrey had obtained some additional mounts, superb animals from the Mounted Service School at Fort Riley.

Boxing had been taken up by the officers and men. The equitation class continued. Lieut. Malcolm R. Ingraham was made athletic officer and games were



THE FAMOUS ARGONNE FOREST FRANCE
 WHERE 25,000 AMERICANS LOST THEIR LIVES

plentiful. The officers had a game the day Colonel Humphrey reported, and one or two more were played. Colonel Humphrey was interested in tennis. Games were frequent. A tournament was started but was not concluded.

Several quartets were organized. The men sang in their barracks. Bugler Sam Cobb from the 25th Infantry took the buglers in hand.

Musical instruments had been requisitioned but did not come until after the regiment was gone. An effort was made to enlist an entire band but was fruitless. Pvt. Billy Higgins, formerly a professional actor, was transferred to the organization from the Depot Brigade and became famous over night.

The entire regiment attended a vaudeville show at the Liberty theatre, given by Higgins and a large assemblage of assistants. It was a great success and established the Regimental Fund.

The Y. M. C. A. and Knights of Columbus secretaries did notably acceptable work among the men.

A regimental exchange had been opened with Lieut. M. P. Lewis in charge. It was a success. One week of August brought a wind so scorching that to face it was like standing before a smelter door. It shriveled Kansas corn, turning it from green to brown over night. Lieut. Lewis' soft drink emporium prospered.

Work at Regimental, Battalion, and Company Headquarters rarely stopped before midnight.

Drilling went on daily, and Colonel Humphrey usually conducted a tactical march Saturday morning. One of the last weeks was spent at the range "firing" those who had not yet sent bullet to target with the new "Enfield."

At 9 p. m., Saturday, August 24, 1918, it was learned on a "tip" from the transportation department of the Union Pacific that trains for movement of the 805th Pioneer Infantry were set for Monday, August 26. Camp Funston issued the following the next day:

Headquarters, Camp Funston, Kansas

AUGUST 25, 1918.

Special Orders, No. 234.

EXTRACT

Par. 14. Pursuant to telegraphic instructions from the Adjutant General of the Army, dated August 24, 1918, 805th Pioneer Infantry (colored), consisting of approximately ninety-four (94) officers and three thousand three hundred eighteen men, Colonel Chauncey B. Humphrey, National Army, Commanding, will proceed without delay to Camp Upton, New York, upon arrival reporting to Commanding Officer at that place.

The Quartermaster Corps will furnish the necessary transportation and travel rations at the prescribed rate for the necessary number of days; also funds for the purchase of liquid coffee at the rate of 21 cents per man per day for the necessary number of days.

The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

By command of Major General Wood:

S. M. WILLIAMS,
Major, General Staff,
Executive Officer.

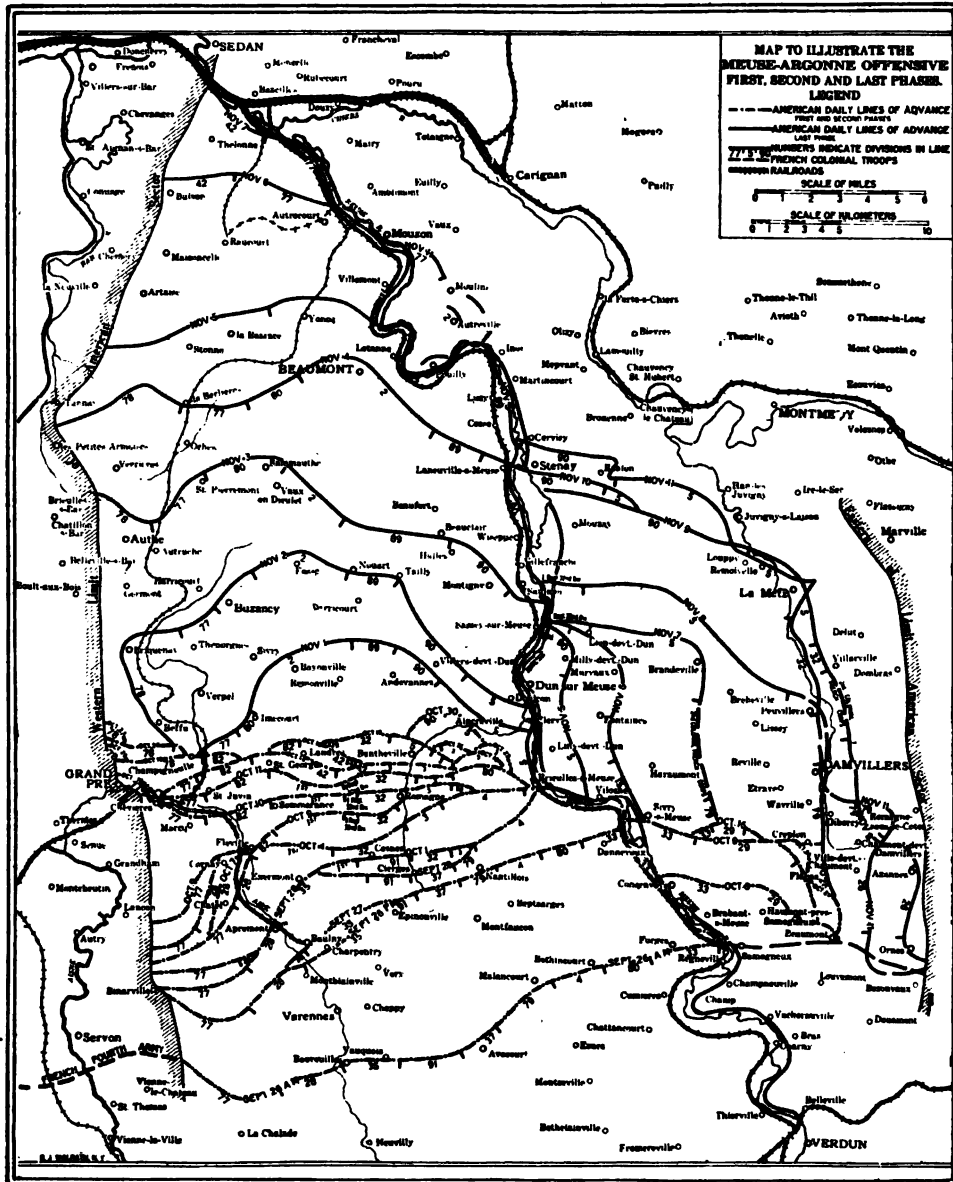
Early movement had been expected in view of a coded telegram received at Camp Funston Headquarters, August 6, signed "McCain," which ordered the 805th and the 806th Pioneer Infantry to prepare "at the earliest practicable."

But it must be admitted that the following telegram, which precipitated matters, was sudden:

1HD GE 220 Govt. Rush 1 ex PM Hq. Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, Aug. 24.
CMDG GENERAL, CAMP FUNSTON:

T445 Request you send to Camp Upton earliest possible moment and not later than noon, August 29, if possible, 805th Pioneer Inf. colored . . . It is absolutely essential that this organization be in Camp Upton August 29. . . SHANKS.

Towns Wrested From the Germans in the American Advance Through the Argonne



The battle ground of giant forces—the First Army Battle area between the Meuse and the Aisne rivers. The line ran from Brioules-sur-Meuse to Binarville when the 805th Pioneer Infantry arrived at Clermont (just off the southern edge of this map below Neuville).

The Camp Funston order of Sunday, August 25, ordering the regiment to move, was actually obeyed within 36 hours of its receipt.

The immediate steps taken following the advance "tip" from the railroad authorities were to wire the few officers on leave: "Return at once," and to notify officers by telephone who were in Junction City and Manhattan. All through the night of August 24-25 they came hurrying back.

There lay ahead forty-eight hours with only snatches of sleep. Accounts of companies with grocers and the quartermaster had to be settled, clearances obtained, goods packed, travel rations issued.

The Army Bank of Camp Funston came to the aid of the officers and cashed their August pay vouchers.

The first train pulled out at 9:30 Monday night, and the other sections followed as soon as train equipment could be brought up. The last train left Thursday.

Camp Upton!

Draw the curtain upon the toil and moil there. It was confusion, it could not help but be, when it was necessary in two days' time to equip an entire regiment with clothing, shoes, caps, underwear, and puttees, and so much other quartermaster and ordnance property, that it was bewildering.

It was expected that the port of embarkation would be Hoboken, but certain ships were in Canadian ports ready to steam out, and the following orders were received:

Headquarters, Camp Upton, New York

AUGUST 30, 1918.

Confidential Orders, No. 361.

Pursuant to instructions contained in Confidential Letter L-526, Headquarters, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N. J., August 28, 1918. On Ship 450.

1st Battalion, 805th Pioneer Infantry, consisting of twenty-six (26) officers and one thousand (1000) men, Item Q-208, Phase 2.

Attached Medical Personnel consisting of three (3) officers and twenty-four (24) men will proceed so as to arrive at Montreal, Canada, on Monday, September 2nd, 1918.

The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

By order of Colonel Mallory:

OFFICIAL:

FRANK S. BOOTH,
Captain, Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

P. L. THOMAS,
Major, Cavalry,
Executive Officer.

The First Battalion, under Captain O. C. Adkins, entrained at Camp Upton, pursuant to the foregoing orders, Sunday, September 1. It entered Canada and boarded "The Haverford" at Montreal September 2.

The remainder of the regiment was included in the following order:

Headquarters, Camp Upton, New York

AUGUST 31, 1918.

Confidential Orders, No. 364.

Pursuant to instructions contained in Confidential Letter L-526, Headquarters, Port of Embarkation, Hoboken, N. J., August 28, 1918. On Ship No. 639.

3rd Battalion, 805th Pioneer Infantry, consisting of twenty-six (26) officers and one thousand (1000) men, Item Q-208, Phase 2.

Attached Medical Personnel, consisting of two (2) officers and twelve (12) men will proceed so as to arrive at Quebec, Canada, on Tuesday, September 3, 1918. On Ship No. 360.

The Headquarters, Headquarters Company, Supply Company, and 2nd Battalion, 805th Pioneer Infantry, consisting of forty (40) officers and fourteen hundred and fifteen (1415) men, Item Q-208, Phase 2,

Attached Medical Personnel consisting of three (3) officers and twelve (12) men will proceed so as to arrive at Quebec, Canada, on Tuesday, September 3, 1918.

The travel directed is necessary in the military service.

By order of Colonel Mallory:

OFFICIAL:

FRANK S. BOOTH,
Captain, Infantry,
Acting Adjutant.

P. L. THOMAS,
Major, Cavalry,
Executive Officer.

Troops moving under the foregoing order crossed the Canadian line also on September 2. The entire regiment thus dates its foreign service from September 2.

The First Battalion sailed September 2, on the Haverford. After being out several days this vessel put back, and went to Quebec. The troops were transferred to H. M. S. Novara, and the journey began again September 12. The vessel came to an anchor at Tilbury docks, near London, September 25, but because of a railroad strike, disembarkation was delayed until September 27.

The Battalion went to Romsey, and sailed from Southampton to Cherbourg, France, continuing on to Rolampont (Haute Marne) after five days of slow and painful railroad travel. It remained there for a few days to complete its equipment, then entrained for Clermont-en-Argonne (Meuse), where it arrived at 7 A. M. of October 10.



HEADQUARTERS OFFICERS AT DOORWAY OF CHATEAU DE CHEHERY.

Note the mark of a high explosive shell. From left to right they are: Lieut. Van de Visse, Lieut. Colonel Bacon, Colonel Humphrey, Major (then Captain) Bliss, Chaplain Custer, Lieutenant Lewis.

The remainder of the regiment reached Quebec before noon September 2, and the Third Battalion boarded H. M. T. Orita, where Major A. D. Cowley, commanding the battalion, was senior officer and hence in charge of all the American troops aboard.

Colonel Humphrey was in command of all U. S. troops and units aboard the R. M. S. Saxonia, of which Captain W. H. Hossack was skipper.

The First Battalion of the 335th Infantry (white troops), under Major Hefner, and two nurse units (No. 56, under Miss Kathryn Morgan, and No. 67, under Miss Cecilia Brennan), each 100 strong, were also on the passenger lists, so that with the 805th contingent, the staunch old Cunarder carried slightly more than 2,700 U. S. citizens.

In the early night hours of September 3 the Orita and the Saxonia weighed anchor and began dropping down the St. Lawrence. From many ports there now gathered a great convoy of camouflaged shipping. The number reached 22 during the night of September 9-10, and a four-funnelled British destroyer took post at the same time at the left corner. Ahead a stocky British cruiser, which came on duty at the mouth of the St. Lawrence, showed the way.

The ships rode so steadily in their assigned places that it seemed as though they were all united by some powerful subsurface framework. Now and again, in instant obedience to some signal from the man-o'-war, there was a momentary disalignment as the convoy wheeled to right or left in perfectly executed and timed movement and set off upon a new course. As Europe was neared and a fleet of U. S. destroyers joined, the course was changed with great frequency.

Aboard the Saxonia all went well. The most rigid discipline was maintained; yet there was always time for play when work was done. Daily at 4:30 P. M. a dance was in progress, usually on B deck, and it continued, after dinner, in the saloon.

Colonel Humphrey made an inspection daily, deck by deck. The ship's first officer, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Bedford, the chief steward, always went on these trips, and one day, early in the voyage, Captain Hossack did also.

"She looked cleaner the second day out than she ever did before a week from shore," he said, "and she is cleaner now than in all her twenty years."

Every company was held responsible for its section, and officers were told off to areas the common property of all.

With the assistance of the mimeograph machine, a Daily Bulletin was issued and posted each morning on all decks and in the companion ways. It announced the guard, rules regarding lights and messing and set the time for the daily dances, in short, served as the ship's newspaper.

At least once a day and often three times the bugle sounded Boat Call, and thereupon every one hurried to his assigned place. Fire drill often accompanied boat drill.

Each vessel bore a heavy gun astern and howitzers forward for firing depth bombs. Details were told off to help serve the guns. During the last four days officers were posted alternately with enlisted men on submarine lookout posts, so that there were five officers and five enlisted men continually on this duty, in addition to the regular guard.

Port holes were closed at dusk throughout the entire voyage, and no smoking outside was permitted after dark. Silence on decks was also prescribed after dusk on the last four days. No bugle calls were permitted in foggy weather.

Fortunately all those precautions were unnecessary.

Good ships, however, had gone down in the same area, and there were times when there was anxiety. At 1:06 P. M. of September 14, Colonel Humphrey and Capt.



Hossack sighted a mine which the ship passed by about 60 feet. The matter was flashed to the destroyers who went to the spot and dropped depth bombs. Two days from land, word was received that a submarine had been sighted by a destroyer guard dead ahead. At the same time the cruiser signaled and the entire convoy literally "went by the left flank." From that time on the course was changed every few minutes.

Land was in sight on the 16th, and the convoy soon entered the Mersey and headed for Liverpool.

Europe was now ringing with cheers for the Americans. They had proved their mettle at Chateau Thierry and the straightening out of the St. Mihiel salient on a 35 kilometer front, with the capture of many thousands of prisoners and 400 canons September 12-13, and all this was now only three days old.

These successes were probably reflected in the cordial reception in all towns and villages accorded the passers-by from the 805th. Major Cowley's battalion, which disembarked the moment the ship docked at Liverpool, reported being received cordially everywhere. Troops off the Saxonia had the same experience. The arrival of the convoy had been greeted with the noisy blasts of whistles in the harbor. The news was carried in brief dispatches. The Manchester Guardian in its September 17 issue reported the following:

"Further large numbers of American troops have arrived in the Mersey."

For the time being the Third Battalion took the lead. It was shipped to the American Rest Camp, Southampton, and then took a channel boat for Le Havre. It reached Rolampont September 20.

Following in the same course, the Saxonia troops arrived at Rolampont September 22. One Dodge limousine, two Harley-Davidson motorcycles with side cars, and three Nash-Quads were waiting.

Rolampont, a small town between Chaumont and Langres, Department Haute Marne, will live long in the memories of troops of this regiment.

It was necessary to camp in pup tents rather than spread the men out in small villages for billeting, in order that issuance of complete battlefield equipment and gas training might be expedited.

There was considerable rain, and the camping ground soon became muddy beyond belief. The men kept dry with difficulty. Through it all, however, the best of spirits was maintained. Strict sanitary rules were enforced, and the camp had a well-kept appearance.

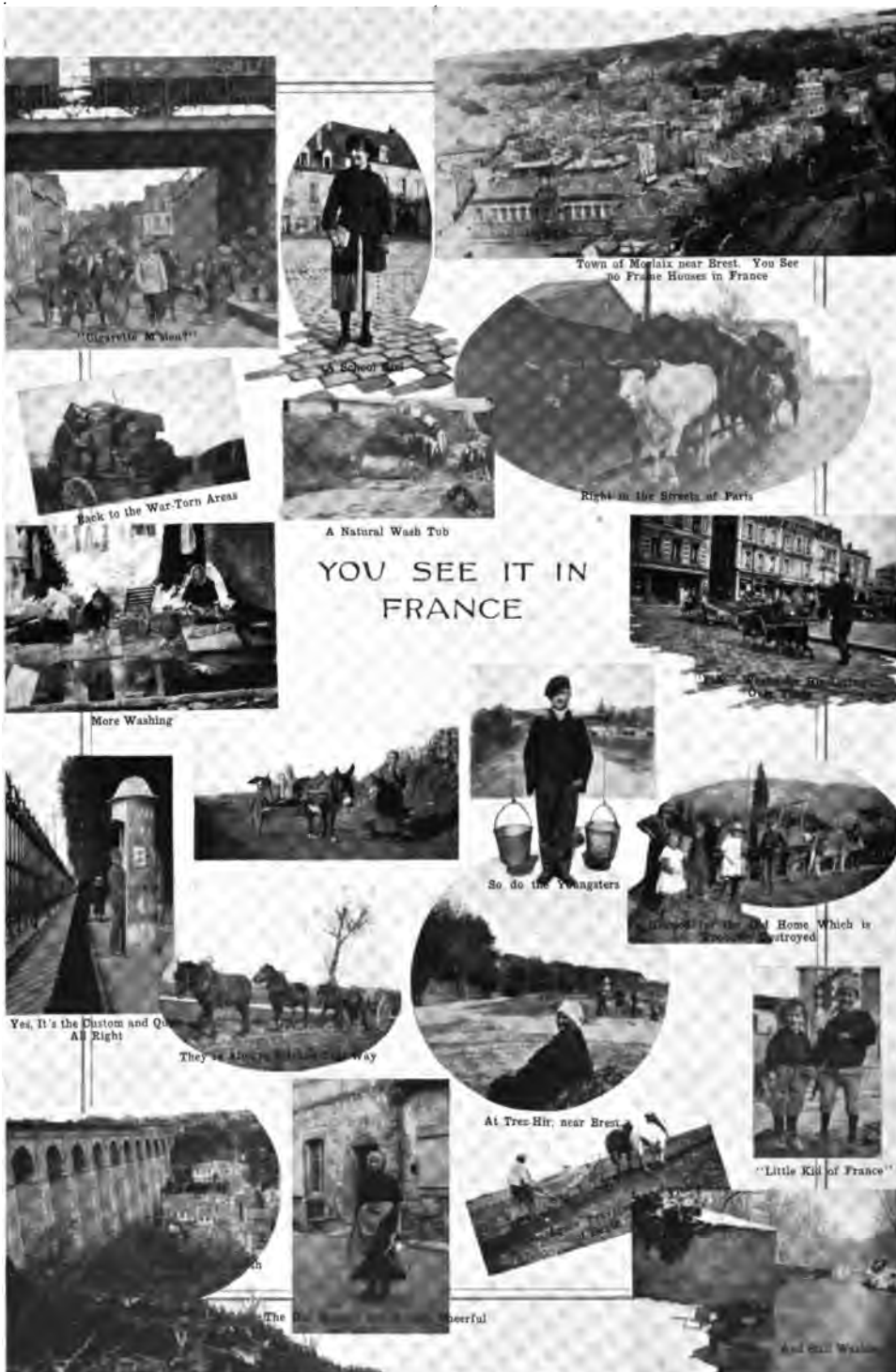
The men suffered from influenza, but the regiment had much less trouble from this epidemic than was expected.

Daily drill at quickened cadence was ordered, and on one occasion a regimental parade was held, with the assistance of the 802nd Pioneer Infantry Band.

The burden lay upon Captain T. R. Lindsey, regimental supply officer, and his assistants, and they responded nobly. Long night trips to Is-Sur-Tille had to be made in the Quads and arrangements made for supplying helmets and gas masks, bolos and trench knives, and for filling shortages of every nature.

"Putting the regiment through gas" was rapidly and thoroughly done by Lieut. (later Captain) A. W. Gauger of the Army Gas School, Fort St. Menge, and his officers.

Rolampont was also the scene of the first funeral of an 805th Pioneer in Europe. Pvt. Everett Johnson of Company "M" died at the hospital at Humes of spinal meningitis. He was given military honors, and buried in the American cemetery at



Rolampont, where French women covered his grave with flowers and wept during the service.

Telegraphic orders were received as follows:

Nogent-en-Bassigny, September 30, 1918. On instruction from G. H. Q. C. G. directs 805th Pioneer Infantry proceed at once by rail to Clermont-en-Argonne (Dept. Meuse), reporting upon arrival thereat to Chief Engineer First Army for duty. Advance billeting party should precede regiment. Wire Troop Movement Bureau G-4 G. H. Q. number officers, men, animals, tons baggage, so that rail transportation can be arranged. Notify G. H. Q. and these headquarters by wire upon arrival new station. This movement should be expedited. Acknowledge receipt advising date of departure.

Colonel Humphrey and his staff, the Third Battalion, Headquarters and Supply Companies and Companies "E" and "F" entrained and left Rolampont at 3:12 P. M., October 2.

Before night fell the train had come so near the front that artillery could be heard, and the roar was loud and continuous when it drew into Clermont shortly before midnight. Detrainment was postponed until the following morning.

Companies "F" and "G" entrained also on October 2, but did not arrive until the following night and detrained October 4.

Clermont-en-Argonne, near the southern end of the famous Argonne Forest, and directly upon its eastern edge, played a considerable part in the Argonne-Meuse campaign. It was occupied by German troops for a few days in September, 1914, when the line of farthest advance passed from Verdun to Clermont, to Revigny, and thence west to Meaux, only 28 miles from Paris.

But when the wave rolled or was swept back and the opposing forces settled down to entrenched positions, the line passed east and west through Vauquois and Boureuilles, just south of Varennes and westward through the Argonne. Here it remained for four years. The forest, ravined, densely wooded, and underbrushed, offered everything to the defender, nothing to the attacker. Apparently the French had given it up as hopeless or not worth the cost.

During all this time Clermont had been occasionally shelled, for the Germans well knew that at the top of Butte St. Anne, the steep, pine-crowned escarpment against which the city nestles, the French were keeping ceaseless watch over the valley of the Aire.

But shortly after the St. Mihiel drive, American troops were brought up secretly, and Clermont was to be shaken into activity. The "jump-off" came September 26, when General Pershing's men began the offensive which was to break the deadlock and end in the winning of the war.

There was no stopping the Americans. The line was forced north of Varennes, and the Boche was soon out of range. The last shell fell upon Clermont about September 28, and except for air raiders, the city was comparatively safe.

Its railhead was soon to ration more than 80,000 American troops, and its ruins shook with the thunder of Allied trucks. Clermont is located at the junction of the main road from St. Menehould to Verdun, and the straight road running north to Neuville and Varennes. The French used the former in shifting troops from the Champagne to the Verdun sector, and up and down the latter plied an endless double line of staunch American trucks, carrying food and supplies and bringing divisions up to and back from the front.

This was the situation when the 805th Pioneer Infantry arrived and established headquarters, which it was to maintain there, as it turned out, for many months.

October 3 was spent in establishing the troops under canvas at the top of Butte St. Anne, in Camp Bondet. There were buildings, but occupancy was delayed for fear of vermin. Pup tents were arranged beneath trees, and, in addition, were well camouflaged against the eye of the aviator.



MORE WEARERS OF BARS, SILVER LEAVES AND SUCH -



When Colonel Horton Brought Up a
House Party



George Pattullo (with Pipe) and Major
Buxton after Writing the Sergeant
York Story for the Saturday Post



The Sergeant and His "Buddy"



Lieutenant Williams at a Shrine in
Finistere



Colonel Macdonald
in his element



Captain and His
Other "Buddy"



Colonel Macdonald
with His Shell



Colonel Macdonald, "Mac", Schmitt (in
Disguise) and Tarbell

The men watched Allied airplanes overhead darting now low, now high, occasionally grouped in "V" formation for battle and in that case usually so far up that they appeared like slowly swimming minnows of the air.

From their high butte they saw the white roads of France winding among low, green hills to battered villages, and to the north the straight way to Neuville and Varennes, swarming with scurrying black insects (for so they appeared from the height) which were trucks, plying to and from the front.

Colonel Humphrey and his adjutant went to Souilly, which was Advance Headquarters of the American Army at the time, and the regiment was reported to Brigadier General Jay J. Morrow, chief engineer.

The following order was received:

Headquarters, First Army American Expeditionary Forces, Office of the Chief Engineer

OCTOBER 3, 1918.

Orders No. 3.

2. The 805th Pioneer Infantry is assigned to duty under the Department of Light Railways and Roads (Office of the Chief Engineer, First Army) reporting upon arrival to Colonel E. D. Peck for duty.

By direction of Brigadier General Morrow:

T. H. DILLON,
Col. Eng. U. S. A.

The headquarters of the Department of Light, Railways, and Roads was at Vraincourt, 2 kilometers east of Clermont, and October 5 orders were issued which enabled the 805th Pioneer Infantry to put its shoulder to the wheel and do its part in the great war.

The morning had been spent in giving Clermont a thorough clean-up, in which troops of the 219th French Field Artillery, the headquarters of which regiment was there, heartily co-operated.

In the afternoon movement began. Companies "E" and "F" under Major H. F. Chinner, who reported at Clermont, set out for Auzeville, there to work upon the railhead. Company "I" late in the afternoon marched to Neuville, there to build an ammunition dump and work on the railhead, while Companies "K" and "L," under Major Cowley, set out for Aubreville, where they were joined by Company "M" the next day, for the purpose of making and repairing roads and working the railhead.

On October 6 Companies "G" and "H," under Major J. E. Creed, took the road to Avocourt, where some time they had the honor of being farthest toward the front. Roadmaking was also their task.

The Headquarters and Supply Companies remained at Clermont, performing their regimental functions, but also rendering great assistance to the railhead and all other work in the vicinity which tended to advance the general cause.

The First Battalion, as soon as it arrived was put at work upon the Clermont-Neuville road, a stretch which thereafter was frequently called "A-B-C-D Boulevard."

The work on the road consisted largely of patching, surfacing, shouldering, widening, and scraping. The men took the attitude that every stone pounded into a hole to smooth the way meant as much as the discharge of a shell or a clip of cartridges, and worked faithfully and without complaining, in all weathers.

Their business was to put the traffic through, and they disregarded their own comfort. If a truck slid off the road they lifted it on, night or day, that food and ammunition might be hastened to the front.

The work of the companies to November 18, when the First Army turned the regiment over to its Salvage Service, is summarized as follows:

A—First 2,000 meters of Clermont-Neuville road from Clermont road past Apremont.

B—Second 2,000 meters of Clermont-Neuville road; Charpentry cut-off road.

C—Locheres crossroad on Clermont-Neuvilly road north 2,000 meters; roads at Very.

D—Clermont-Neuvilly road from point 1,000 south of Neuvilly bridge to Neuvilly; ammunition detour road at Neuvilly; Charpentry roads.

E—Auzeville railhead; Varennes railhead; railhead work at St. Juvin, Marcq, and Briquenay.

F—Auzeville railhead; Varennes railhead; roads at Montblainville; roads at Landres et St. Georges.

G—Roads at Avocourt; roads at Sommerance.

H—Roads at Avocourt; roads at Fleville.



THE ROAD FROM CLERMONT TO THE FRONT

Here is a picture full of meaning to every Bearcat and, indeed, to all American Divisions in the Argonne fighting. It leads straight north from Clermont-en-Argonne (Meuse), France, to Varennes, and to Grand Pre. Up it went troops, ammunition, food. Back on it came the wounded. It was black with trucks, in two lines, one going, one coming, all day and all night. By night the trucks rumbled and roared without lights.

On Butte St. Anne, from top of which this picture was taken, all troops of the 805th Pioneer Infantry have camped. Indeed, the Supply Company knew no other home during its stay in the Argonne district. Picture taken Nov. 5, 1918.

I—Construction of ammunition dump, Neuvilly, and railhead construction between Neuvilly and Varennes and Apremont; railroad repair work Marcq and St. Juvin; construction of Verdun-Etain railroad from November 11.

K—Railhead details and road work Aubreville; road work Varennes and Charpentry.

M—Road and railhead work Aubreville; road work Varennes.

The outlying companies were continually in immediate sight of the sausage balloons and witnessed many an air battle. Raids were frequent.

Clermont itself was bombed on three nights (on one occasion twice in one night). Its converging traffic streams, its railhead, and the aviation field of the 50th U. S. Observation Unit were Boche targets.

No slackening of work was permitted, despite the signing of the armistice November 11. Sunday was no holiday.

A concentration had been ordered at Varennes November 18, and several companies had taken up their abode there or at Camp Mahout; but to carry out the salvage program outlined by Lt. Colonel Jeremiah Beall, chief salvage officer, Battle Area, First Army, a re-distribution over the Argonne-Meuse area had to be effected immediately.

The area assigned the 805th Pioneer Infantry extended from Boulton-aux-Bois almost due south to a point one kilometer west of Les Islettes; thence to Clermont; thence to Aubreville and Avocourt and Esnes; thence to Montfaucon via Bethincourt and Cuisy; thence north through Nantillois and Cunel to Bantheville; thence southwest through Romagne, Gesnes, and Exermont to the main road just south of Fleville; and then north to Boulton-aux-Bois through Fleville, St. Juvin, Grand-Pre and Briquenay.

The area comprised all of the Argonne Forest from Clermont north and the Varennes-Malancourt-Montfaucon-Romagne sections. More than 500 square miles of battlefield was included.

A list of the articles to be salvaged would require a page. Chiefly they were Allied and enemy weapons and cannon, web and leather equipment, clothing and blankets, rolling stock, aviation, electrical, and engineer equipment. It was a gigantic task, and did not near completion until the first week in March, when more than 3,000 French carloads had been shipped.

The immediate assignment to stations November 20 was as follows:

A—Briquenay; B—Chevieres; C—La Forge; D—Chatel; Hq. 1st. Bn.—Chatel; E—Binerville; F—La Chalade; G—Florent; H—3 kilometers north of Aubreville; Hq. 2nd. Bn.—Camp Mahout, later Varennes; I—Malancourt; K—Very; L—Barracks near Cunel, later Cunel; M—Varennes, later near Eclisfontaine; Hq. 3rd. Bn.—Very.

For some weeks truck transportation was scarce, and work was slow, and consisted largely in getting material to roadsides.

Captain George E. Thompson, Q. M. C., was given charge of the salvage work in the First Army Battle Area, and on January 1, 1919, the following units were placed by him at the disposal of Colonel Humphrey for the purpose of expediting the work; 339th Labor Battalion, Truck Companies A, B, C and F of 3rd Corps Artillery Park, and the 313th, 305th, 309th, and 317th Salvage Units.

The regiment had remained in the First Army one month after the signing of the armistice, but December 11 it was transferred to the Advance Section.

This assignment was made by Par. 1, S. O. 702, Hq. First Army, at the direction of General Hunter Liggett, who succeeded General Pershing in command early in October.

No change in technical work resulted. Administrative matters, however, now were referred to Brigadier General William R. Sample and his staff, whose headquarters had been moved from Nogent to Neufchateau (Vosges).

Captain Thompson's action in placing so many diversified units at the disposal of Colonel Humphrey testified to the efficiency of the latter and to the organization which he had built up. In Regimental Headquarters at Chateau de Chehery telephone lines had been installed, and by means of Ford trucks courier service put in which reached all companies of the regiment daily.

There came orders January 25 which placed additional heavy responsibilities on



Colonel Humphrey, and it was necessary to operate as a general headquarters. The order follows:

Headquarters Advance Section Services of Supply American Expeditionary Forces

JANUARY 25, 1919.

Special Orders, No. 25.

42. Colonel C. B. Humphrey, Inf., will assume administrative control and supervision of the Advance Section, S. O. S. troops, within the battle area now being salvaged by S. O. S. troops and lying approximately between the Meuse and Aisne rivers and north of an east and west line through Souilly. He will maintain close communication with the staff officers directing the technical work upon which the troops are engaged and co-operate with them in the accomplishment of their mission.

By command of Brig. Gen. Sample:

JOHN S. SWITZER,

Colonel, A. G.

Chief of Staff.

OFFICIAL:

FRANK L. IRWIN,

Captain, Infantry,

Adjutant.

Representations were immediately made of the need of more transportation, and the Advance Section responded by adding 100 trucks to the Third Corps Artillery Park strength, and by turning over a considerable number to the "Salvage Officer, Battle Area, First Army" (Captain Thompson). This was to result later in the formation of a Motor Truck Detachment in the 805th Pioneer Infantry, of which Captain H. B. Abbett, of Company "I," was placed in command.

As companies of the 805th neared the completion of their areas they were put to work at the railheads where they helped load the salvage they had gathered and that which many other organizations of the area had brought, and sent it on its way to designated depots.

Company "A" was thus brought to Senuc and then to Dun-sur-Meuse. Company "B" worked at the Marcq dump and then at Grand-Pre and Senuc. Company "C" was employed with Company "D" at the Chatel-Chehery railhead. Both were later sent to Briec-sur-Meuse, from which place Company "D" moved to Mouzon.

Company "E" came in from the wilds of the "Lost Battalion" at Charlevaux (near Binarville) to Chatel-Chehery; Companies "F" and "H" were brought to Varennes and Company "G" to Clermont—all for railhead shipping work.

The Third Battalion, occupied with a large and difficult area, did no railhead work. It lent its share of assistance to the Ordnance Department for demolition work, and Company "L" had rather more of this kind of service than any other company of the regiment.

The staff of the regiment was augmented December 16, when Lieut. Colonel Willis Bacon, who had been with the 51st Pioneers, reported for duty.

With the slackening of the salvage work, the regiment found a few days when it was possible to devote time to drilling, athletics, and study. School and agricultural books were obtained in large numbers, and each company organized classes which, though compulsory, were eagerly attended by the men.

Curtailment of this work was necessitated by instructions from Advance Section Headquarters to assist in every way possible the restoration of French farm lands to a point where they could be cultivated.

This meant principally the filling of trenches across fields, and upon this work the regiment entered March 15 with all its strength, except what was required for the functioning of railheads not yet closed.

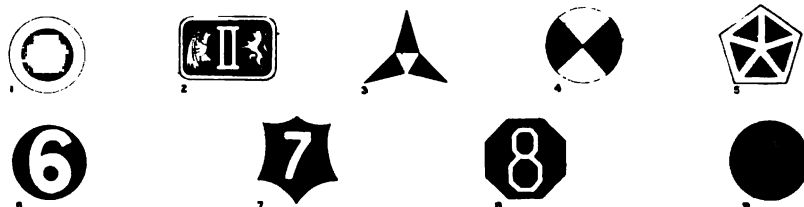
Regimental Headquarters was for a few days at Billet 28 at Clermont and was moved across the street when the French 219th Artillery departed. This building was large and commodious and in an excellent state of repair. No shell had touched it.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES DISTINCTIVE CLOTH INSIGNIA

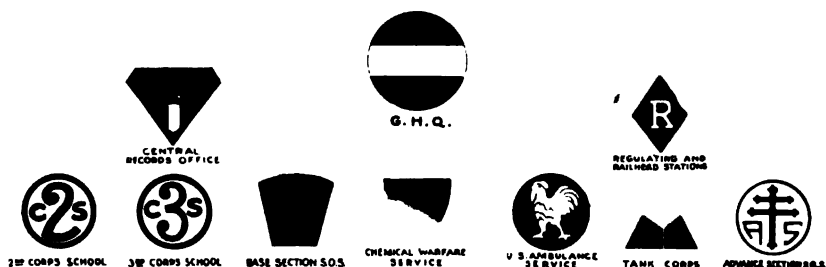
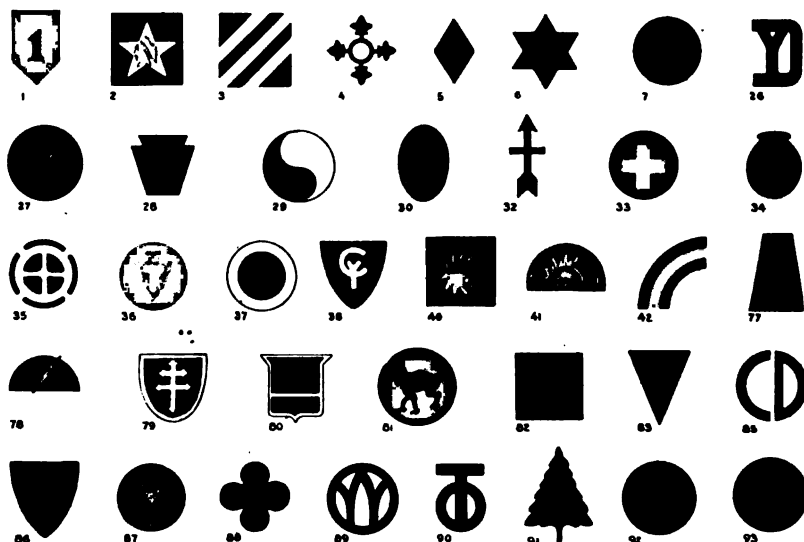
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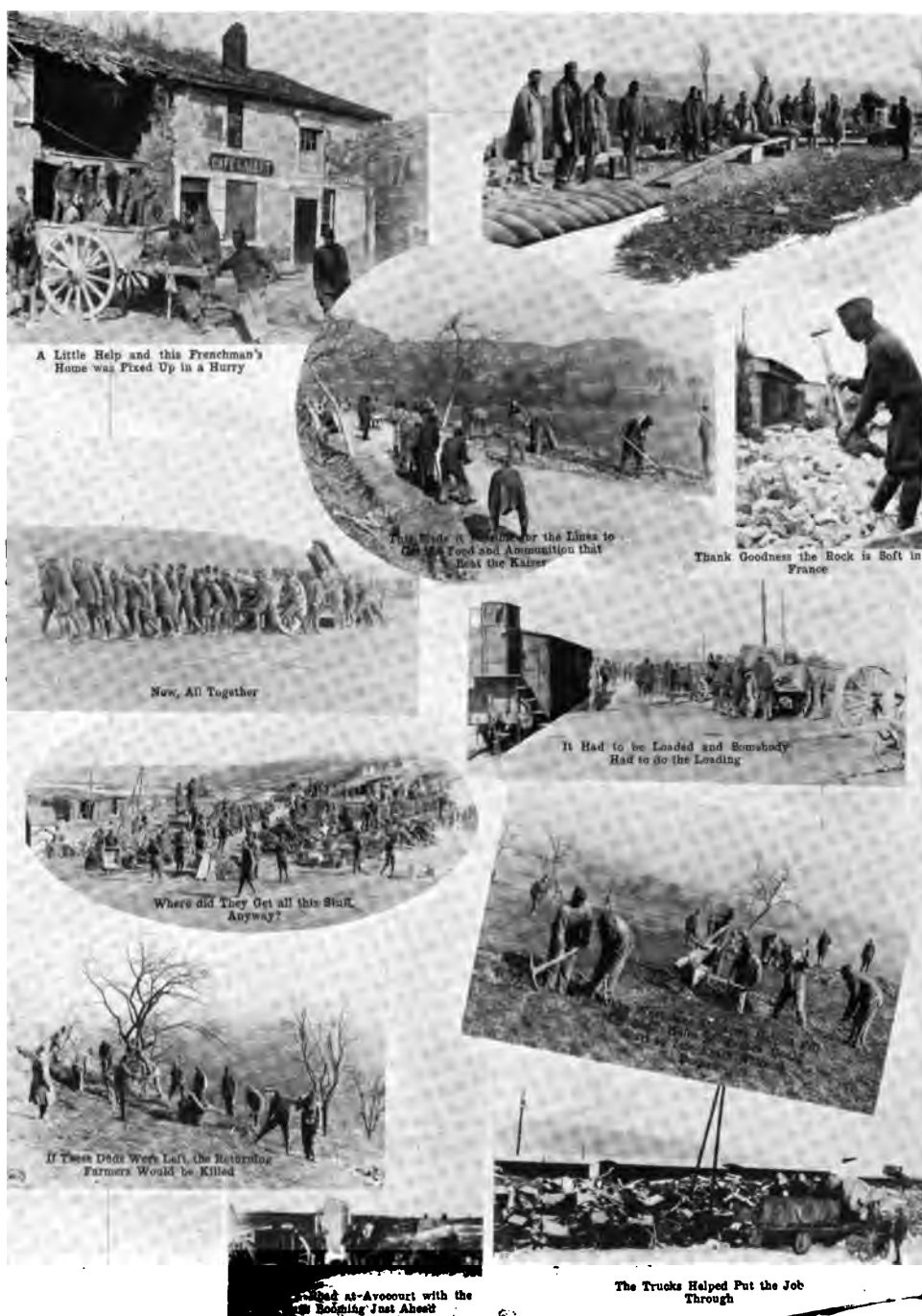
The square, black "A" of the First Army was worn by the 805th Pioneer Infantry, except during the winter of 1918-19, when the Advance Section insignia was authorized. This was the circular insignia shown in the lower right hand corner. The "A S" signified Advance Section, and the cross is the cross of Lorraine. Resumption of the "A" was authorized as soon as the regiment reached Brest, bound for home.

WHERE COMBAT DIVISIONS GOT THEIR TROOPS.

The first eight divisions of the United States Army were composed chiefly of regulars with a large number of troops of both National Guard and selective draft origin completing the full complement.

The other combat divisions were constituted as follows:

26. "Yankee"—New England National Guard.
27. "New York"—New York National Guard.
28. "Keystone"—Pennsylvania National Guard.
29. "Blue and Gray"—National Guard from New Jersey, Dist. of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware.
30. National Guard of the Carolinas, Tennessee and District of Columbia.
31. "Dixie"—National Guard of Georgia, Alabama and Florida.
32. National Guard troops of Michigan and Wisconsin.
33. "Prairie"—Illinois National Guard.
34. National Guard of Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Minnesota.
35. National Guard of Kansas and Missouri.
36. "Panther"—National Guard of Texas and Oklahoma.
37. "Buckeye"—National Guard of Ohio.
38. National Guard of Indiana, Kentucky and West Virginia.
40. "Rattlesnake"—National Guard of California, Colorado, Utah, Arizona and New Mexico.
42. "Rainbow"—National Guard from all sections of the United States.
77. "Metropolitan"—Selective Draft men from New York City, Long Island and Hudson River counties.
78. "Lightning"—Selective Draft men from New York, New Jersey and Delaware.
79. Selective Draft men from northeast Pennsylvania, Maryland and Dist. of Columbia.
80. "Blue Ridge"—Selective Draft men from western Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.
81. "Wildcat"—Selective Draft men from North Carolina, South Carolina, Florida, Porto Rico.
82. Selective Draft men from Georgia, Alabama and Tennessee.
85. "Custer"—Selective Draft men from Michigan and eastern Wisconsin.
86. "Blackhawk"—Selective Draft men from Chicago and other parts of northern Illinois.
87. Selective Draft men from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi and southern Alabama.
88. Selective Draft men from North Dakota, Minnesota, Iowa and western Illinois.
89. Selective Draft men from Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, South Dakota, Colorado and New Mexico.
90. Selective Draft men from Texas and Oklahoma.
91. "Wild West"—Selective Draft men from far western and Pacific Coast states.
92. Selective Draft Colored troops from all parts of the country.
93. Colored Troops who served chiefly with the French whose blue helmet was used as insignia.



"TO HELP MAKE THE WORLD SAFE!"

Palatial as it seemed among its battered neighbors, this building was not to be compared with Chateau de Chehery. The chateau is located at Chatel-Chehery, between Apremont and Fleville, and one kilometer west of the main Grand-Pre road. It is the property of Captain Emile Longuet La Marche of the 243rd French Artillery, and his brother, Lieut. Charles Longuet La Marche, of the same regiment.

Regimental Headquarters was moved to the chateau November 25, and the Headquarters Company took quarters in its outlying buildings the following day. Captain T. H. Gleason, personnel adjutant, remained at Clermont headquarters with his assistants, as did Captain Lindsey and the Supply Company.

Late in March it had been apparent that the stay of the regiment in the Argonne Forest was nearing its end. The French were coming back, and the Advance Section itself was expected to close in June.

There were valuable dumps of material at Marcq, St. Juvin, Mouzon, Dun-sur-Meuse, Varennes, Grand-Pre, Senuc, and other towns. These were inventoried, and in conjunction with officers of the War Material Board and the French chefs de district, were turned over to the French.

For relaxation baseball was taken up, and the level field near Chateau de Chehery in the Aire valley was the scene of many an exciting game. The Headquarters Company Team won from all comers, and on April 18 beat the First Battalion Team and laid the foundations for the organization which later, at Brest, was to win fame for the "Bearcats."

Down at Varennes Lieut. De Berry, adjutant of the Second Battalion, was busy constructing the "Bearcat Opry House." This consisted of a large superstructure covered with tarpaulins. The "opry" house had a large stage, a pit for the orchestra, and seats for about 800 persons. It was built entirely by the troops of the Second Battalion. Thither all troops at Varennes repaired nightly for entertainment.

Electric lights had been installed, and visiting show troupes of many organizations gave entertainments there. Most of them were amazed to find on the edge of the Argonne forest a theatre so complete.

Meanwhile the ruined Argonne was reclothing itself in the habiliments of Spring. Beside the thousands of little crosses which marked the graves of brave American soldiers, there sprang up the "pierce-niege" (snow drop), and the fields bloomed with the ever-present "cocou" (a species of yellow primrose).

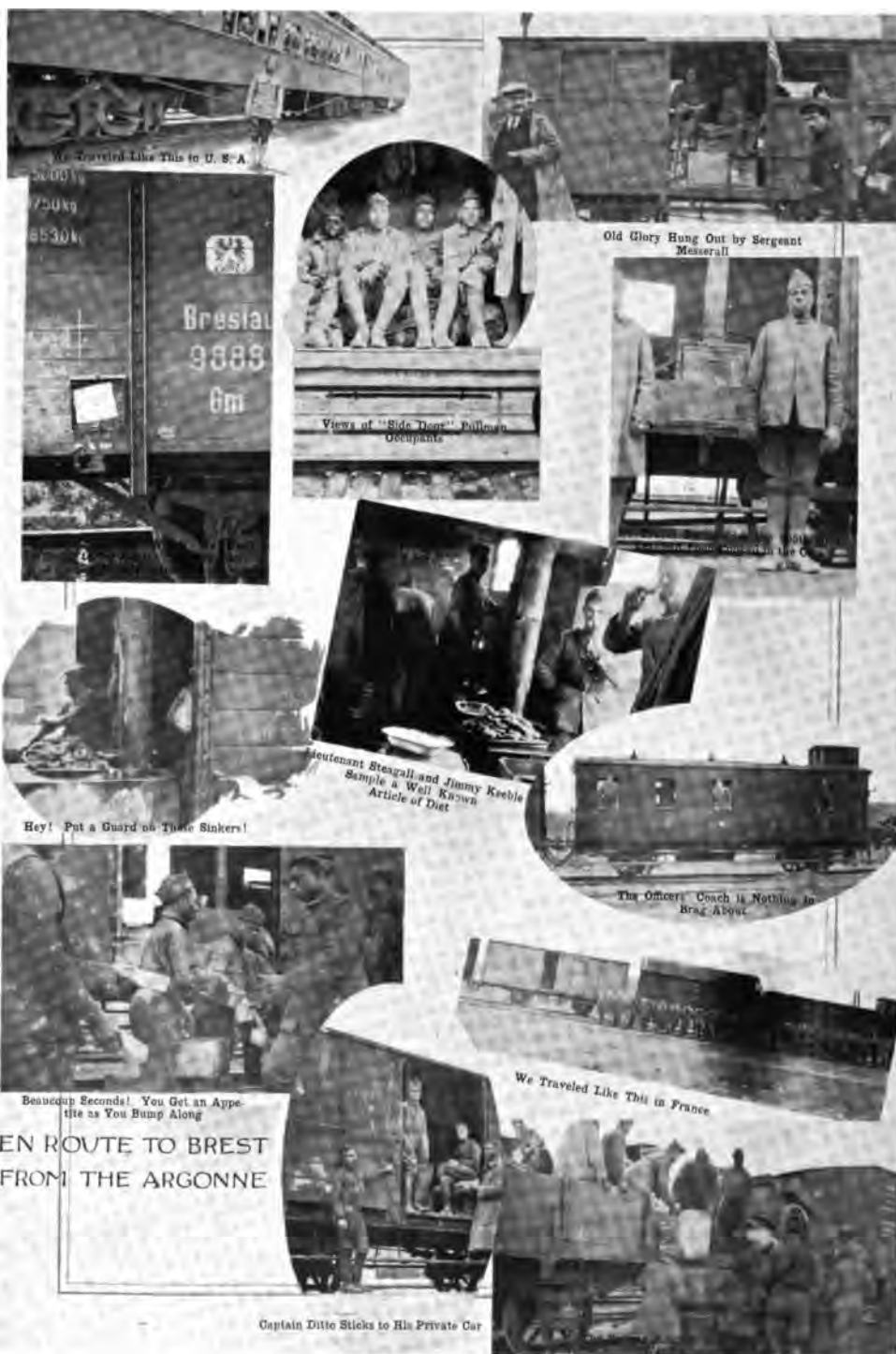
The rains were less frequent, and there were many days of such beautiful weather that men who had come to the conclusion that there was no sun in France, changed their minds.

A telegram arrived April 22, from Headquarters Advance Section, at Neufchateau (Vosges), ordering the regiment to move to Le Mans. The band and vaudeville show had been booked for a ten days' trip at and around Neufchateau, and it was at first decided to cancel the journey, but as the regiment would probably remain at its new station for several days, the merrymakers were sent on their way in charge of Chaplain J. Earl Custer.

Telegrams and telephone messages were flying about. There were arrangements to be made with the Troop Movement Bureau at Chaumont, and many details to be completed. And suddenly the telegrams changed the destination of the regiment to Brest.

All troops except the First Battalion boarded French "Hommes 40-Chevaux 8" trains on Friday, May 2, from Chatel-Chehery and Clermont. The First Battalion train equipment did not arrive at Dun-sur-Meuse until Monday.

It was a pleasant trip to Brest. Each company had plenty of room, and one car per company was fitted up as a kitchen. The field ranges were installed on beds of brick and clay. The full garrison ration was drawn. No traveling regiment ever was better fed en route.



was replaced by Captain Geer, who had just been assigned to the regiment. Captain Leslie reported and was placed in command of Company "F," but was transferred out and replaced by Captain Delf.

Captain John J. McGrady of Company "E" was taken sick and went to the hospital. He was replaced by Captain Walker L. Schmitz, who was promoted late in May.

After the disbandment of the Motor Truck Detachment, Captain Abbett was returned to Company "I," which he had commanded before being placed in charge of the truck fleet, and Captain Onan C. Adkins, who commanded in the meantime, was placed unassigned.

Just before leaving, Captain Moses was held over because he was a witness in a court-martial case against a man in his company who was too free with a pistol, and Lieut. Mayberry took command of Company "D."

Captain Bliss, Adjutant, was promoted to major May 28, and was placed in command of the First Battalion when Major Patch was transferred to be military police officer at Pontanezen. Major Bliss continued in his duties as Adjutant, besides commanding the First Battalion.

Promotion also came to Captain Gleason, Personnel Adjutant, and he was relieved to take a position in the Courier Service, Paris. He was succeeded by Lieut. Dornfeld, and Lieut. Barton was made assistant personnel adjutant.

Friday the thirteenth is not a bad date. At any rate, June wore along, and on the 13th, which was Friday, the longed-for orders arrived. The transport Zepelin was designated as the ship aboard which the Bearcats would journey homeward.

There were the usual complicated details to be arranged, but on June 16 Companies "A" and "B" and Headquarters Company marched aboard, to be followed on Tuesday, June 17, by the remainder of the regiment.

It was a sunny France as the Zeppelin eased away and slipped out into the Goulet de Brest. The band played as it left. The ship steamed past the George Washington, the President's ship, and was soon out to sea.

Men and officers could not avoid a feeling of sadness. Their love of France was strong. They had done their duty there. They said farewell with a pulling of the heartstrings.

Other troops aboard besides the "Bearcats" were the 10th Field Signal Battalion, under Major Felix La Crosse; the 13th Veterinary Hospital company; and Brest Casual companies 1719, 1723, 1724, 1725, and 1726. There were many casual officers, too, and several nurses, members of the Educational Corps, Ordnance women, and forty-four French brides, most of them with their husbands.

The Navy personnel totalled 650 souls, under Commander W. W. Galbraith. Lieut. Commander F. L. Shea was executive officer. Aboard also were Commander Albert C. Read, who accomplished the trans-Atlantic air flight in the NC 4 seaplane, and the other naval aviators in that epoch-making event. Commanders Read and Richardson gave lectures on their trip.

It was apparent that with big news afloat regarding peace, there was need of a newspaper. Consequently Colonel Humphrey, who was in command of all Army troops aboard the Zeppelin, appointed 1st Lieut. Karl A. Heinzen of the Headquarters Company and Field Clerk George Britt, the latter of the "Stars and Stripes," to publish daily the "Dirigible."

The paper was published on the mimeograph machine and made a name for itself immediately. It appeared at 2 P. M., and there was always a flutter of excitement at press time.

Great credit is due the editors, but to the members of the N. C. O. staff of the 805th Pioneer Infantry belongs much praise. It was their task to run off the paper on the mimeograph machine, and especially when it ran six and seven pages it was a tremendous task.



All Ready to Leave Camp Upton for Various Discharge Camps



Sergeants Perry and Taylor of the Regimental N. C. O. Staff



Amobilization Group Headquarters Camp Shelby, Miss. Where the Regiment Kept its History July 5



Why Don't They Hurry Up with that Discharge!



Reception Committee Sent to Welcome the "Peacocks" Representing the Governor of Kansas Adjutant General Martin of Kansas on Colonel Humphrey's Left



Playing with the "Jumping Dominoes" While Awaiting the Red Chevron



Eight in a Tent but After That, Home!

AND AFTER WE REACHED
THE U.S.A.



As usual, where the 805th was concerned the greatest attention was paid to cleanliness, and the high compliments of the ship's officers testified to the hard work the men put in.

The voyage was pleasant; there was little seasickness. For most it was a chance to rest a little, and long hours were spent out on the decks. The troops had two meals daily—and they were full meals.



REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS AT CLERMONT-EN-ARGONNE

This building was one of the few in Clermont not badly shot up. It was occupied by the 219th French Field Artillery headquarters when the 805th first reached Clermont. The 805th headquarters was in a small building directly across from this one until the French regiment left late in October. Old Glory was immediately hung out when the armistice was signed. Note the hole caused by a shell in the building next door, where an 805th sentry is standing. During the drive, especially at night when divisions were going through, it was often necessary to wait twenty minutes before a sufficient gap in the traffic to make it safe to cross the street would occur. The building in the lower right-hand corner, down the road, was for a time occupied by the 802nd Pioneer headquarters.

All too quickly the miles flew behind, and the Bearcats were in New York enjoying the excitement when aeroplanes, seaplanes, and destroyers came out to welcome the NC men aboard.

They had been abroad and got back, terminating on this date, June 27, 1919, a foreign service of nine months and twenty-five days.

They wound through the Red Cross station at Pier No. 3 and had pie and coffee and ice cream. A Salvation Army lassie put a cake of chocolate in each man's overseas cap as he passed. Just before entering the ferry for Long Island City the

Knights of Columbus gave each man and officer chewing gum and a little kit consisting of handkerchiefs, candy, and the like. At Long Island City somebody handed out oranges. In a drizzling rain they boarded the Long Island trains for Camp Upton, where they arrived during the night and immediately started out for the delousing plant.

During Saturday, June 28, all moved to District No. 5 at Upton, and company commanders spent their time preparing papers of all kinds. Travel pay affidavits had to be made out for each man, and it was a stormy period of work.

The weather was beautiful, and that helped. Sunday was another busy day, and at 2 P. M. orders came stating that the regiment would leave Upton on Tuesday, July 1.

There came now a division and the men from the several states were ordered sent to the camp as follows:

Officers	Men	Camp	Officers in Charge
3	24	Gordon, Ga.	Captain G. M. Bragan
2	5	Meade, Md.	1st Lieut. W. E. Barton
1	4	Fort Oglethorpe, Ga.	1st Lieut. G. W. Steagall
10	897	Camp Taylor, Ky.	Captain T. A. Immell
6	940	Shelby, Miss.	Lieut. Colonel Willis Bacon
15	448	Camp Funston, Kan.	Captain A. Harvey
5	50	Bowie, Tex.	1st Lieut. W. T. Hubbard
1	8	Grant, Ill.	(529th Eng. officer)
1	128	Pike, Ark.	2nd Lieut. M. J. King
4	2	Fort Russell, Wyo.	Captain H. B. Abbett
1	27	Jackson, S. C.	2nd Lieut. C. F. Martin
0	3	Ft. Bliss, Tex.	(529th Eng. officer)
6	5	Sherman, Ohio	Captain O. C. Adkins
1	1	Presidio, Cal.	Captain A. C. Woodruff
1	33	Lee, Va.	2nd Lieut. E. D. Lemmon
0	1	Custer, Mich.	(Eng. Sergeant.)
3	5	Dix, N. J.	1st Lieut. J. Goldstein
2	78	Dodge, Ia.	1st Lieut. W. Brennehan
Totals	62	2659	

In addition twelve officers to be discharged at Upton and the regular Army officers, Colonel Humphrey, Majors Cowley and Musham and Captain Geer were relieved at the last moment.

Regimental Headquarters with Lieut. Col. Bacon, Major Bliss, Adjutant, Lieut. Dornfeld, Personnel Adjutant, and Lieut. Preston, Supply Officer, and Regimental Sgt. Major Perry, and Battalion Sgt. Major Taylor went with the group to Camp Shelby, Miss.

Good-by day was Monday, June 30—and it was most impressive.

The entire regiment assembled at the Y. M. C. A. auditorium at 3 P. M., where a representative group of Kansas citizens assembled to welcome the Kansas men and the entire regiment back to the United States.

The hall was beautifully decorated. The regimental flag and colors hung over the stage.

The speakers were in order: Adjutant General Charles I. Martin of Kansas, representing Governor Allen specially; Mr. Elisha Scott, an attorney of Topeka, Kansas; Miss Helen K. Ostertag of Atchison, Kansas, New York Secretary of the Kansas Welcome Association; Colonel C. B. Humphrey and the Rev. S. E. J. Watson, pastor of the Shiloh Baptist church, Topeka, Kansas.

Major Paul S. Bliss, Adjutant, acted as chairman. Miss Vickery of the Y. M. C. A. sang beautifully, and Corp. Theo. Tyus of the band played upon the saxophone. The 805th Band played as it had never played before.

There was a spirit of unity. When Colonel Humphrey arose he was cheered with an enthusiasm which was touching.

"Who was it got there in time to help put it over?" he began.

"The Bearcats," came the answering roar.

"Who was it took \$13,000,000 worth of war material out of the Argonne when it was all over?"

"The Bearcats."

"Who was it got a band together in December that can play as this one can?"

"The Bearcats."

"Who had the best vaudeville show in the A. E. F.?"

"The Bearcats."

"Who had a baseball team that beat everything in the American Expeditionary Forces and was never beaten?"

"The Bearcats."

The Colonel then gave a short talk filled with good advice. One of the Topeka visitors rose and led a rousing song in honor of the Colonel.

Major Bliss announced that the regimental history fund had totaled \$6,821 and passed the bank book around showing the money to be deposited to the credit of the history fund in the Guaranty Trust Bank of New York.

Then the band played feelingly the Star Spangled Banner, while all stood at attention, following which everyone went to the Y. M. C. A. and had ice cream, the gift of the Kansas visitors.

It is doubtful if any regiment in the American Expeditionary Forces, white or colored, ever had an assembly in which regimental feeling ran so high. A pronounced impression was made upon the visitors.

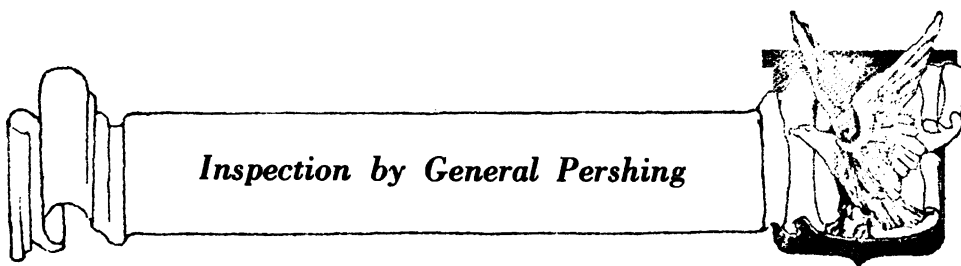
Night fell and a glorious sunset lay in the west, and above, a new moon shone out as if in benediction.

Good-by was on all lips, and there were tears in many eyes.

A great regiment, undoubtedly the greatest colored regiment in the history of America, heard taps for the last time, and on Tuesday morning, July 1, it scattered to the four winds. Colonel Humphrey bade good-by to each train as it pulled away.



REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS, 805TH PIONEER INFANTRY, AT
CAMP PONTANEZEN, BREST.



Inspection by General Pershing

THE 805th Pioneer Infantry had the honor of being inspected at Brest June 4, 1919, by General John Pershing, Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces.

The inspection took place upon a level field east of Camp Pontanezen, and the troops were lined up and gridironed across this field, front ranks facing the rear ranks. Colonel C. B. Humphrey, 805th Pioneer Infantry, acted as "Commander of Troops Present," with Major Paul S. Bliss, 805th Pioneer Infantry, acting as his adjutant.

General Pershing appeared upon the field at 1:30 P. M. and was greeted by Colonel Humphrey. Field music of the 803rd, 804th, 805th and 808th Pioneer Infantry Regiments, which had signalled "Assembly" when the Commander-in-Chief appeared, now signalled "Attention," followed by a long blast, whereupon all troops were brought to "Present Arms." The field music then delivered four flourishes in honor of the Commander-in-Chief and played the "General's March." Troops were brought to the "Order" upon a second blowing of "Attention," and the Commander-in-Chief then began his march through the ranks.

As he approached each organization commander, the organization commander reported and then the company or detachment commander fell in beside the Commander-in-Chief and accompanied him past his troops. The Commander-in-Chief asked many questions of each company commander, usually touching upon appearance of men and urging that they be sent back to the States better men, physically and morally, and stating, if this were not the case, the company commander must be blamed.

In order to review the troops, General Pershing marched a total of five and one-half miles at top speed. The sun was unusually hot. All hedges and view points were crowded with spectators.

After the inspection General Pershing repaired to the north end of the field, where a platform had been erected, and delivered an address, after which he went to another field, where the First Battalion, 805th Pioneer Infantry, was assembled, and decorated with Distinguished Service Medals, Major General Eli A. Helmick, in command of Base Section No. 5, S. O. S., and Brigadier General Smedley D. Butler, in command of Camp Pontanezen. The officers to be decorated were reported "Present," following the formation, by Colonel Humphrey, and after the decoration the First Battalion passed in review.

General Pershing, in his speech to the assembled troops directly after the inspection, touched upon the entry of the American nation into the great war. He spoke of the spring of 1917, when the Allied armies were in a low state of morale, and of the dark days of the spring of 1918, when the Allied armies and the civilian populations also, felt that the cause was lost. Then the United States sent in some partially trained troops and demonstrated to the Allies and to the enemy that a new force had to be reckoned with. Cantigny was captured by the First Division on May 28, 1918. On July 2 the Second Division and the Marines were thrown



GENERAL PERSHING
INSPECTS
THE BEARCATS



against the Boche on the Paris-Metz Road, near Chateau-Thierry, and from that moment on the Americans were continually in battle until victory was won. There followed other successful efforts, and then, under the First Army, the tremendously successful St. Mihiel and Meuse-Argonne victories were won. There were no drones in the American Army. There were no time servers. All came with an inspiration well-nigh religious. The Commander-in-Chief said that in giving much, the American troops had received much: Depth of Character, breadth of vision, practice in leadership. The victory is a moral victory for the world. The Commander-in-Chief thanked the troops, if he might presume to do so, upon behalf of the entire American people.

The 805th Pioneer Infantry was located in the middle of the field. The Commander-in-Chief saluted the colors when he entered the first 805th lines. The Commander-in-Chief found the 805th Pioneer Infantry worthy to be inspected, and complimented many of the company commanders on the good appearance of their men.

In general, the remarks of General Pershing to company commanders of all troops were as follows: "If you see a man in an unmilitary position and do not correct him, you confirm his error and concur in it. This is true of any fault you do not correct." He wanted the men sent home erect, vigorous, well-clad. He emphasized the power of example and warned all officers of their tremendous responsibility in this respect.

Troops appeared, where so equipped, with full pack, gas masks, helmets, and bayonets fixed. Officers were in helmets and wore side-arms. The 805th Pioneer Infantry was thus equipped.

In honor of the occasion the 805th Pioneer Infantry Regimental Colors bore for the first time a beautiful ribbon sent to the regiment by General Pershing before it left the Argonne Forest, on which was the legend "Meuse-Argonne Offensive, October 3, 1918, to November 11, 1918," October 3, 1918, being the date when the regiment reached Clermont-en-Argonne (Meuse) and began its duties with the First Army in the great drive of September 26 to November 11.

The 805th Pioneer Infantry troops and officers each wore upon the left shoulder the square, black broadcloth "A", indicative of the First Army.



THE COLORS AT THE INSPECTION
Sgt. Steemer carrying Old Glory and Sgt. Higgins carrying 805th Regimental flag.

OFFICERS OF THE 805th PIONEER INFANTRY

Regimental Headquarters

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 WILLIS BACON, Lieutenant-Colonel, Tiffin, Ohio.
 PAUL S. BLISS, Major, Adjutant,* 1684 Van Buren St., St. Paul, Minn.
 THEODORE M. GLEASON, Major, Personnel Adjutant. Transferred to Postal Express Service, Hotel Crillon, Paris.
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 WALTER A. BARTON, First Lieutenant, assistant Personnel Adjutant.
 MAYLAND P. LEWIS, First Lieutenant, assistant to Adjutant, Nahant, Mass.

Third Battalion

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 HUBERT C. CARPENTER, First Lieutenant, Adjutant, Lincoln County National Bank, Stanford, Ky.

Second Battalion

HARRY A. MUSHAM, Major, 741 Rush St., Chicago, Ill.
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First Battalion

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 LEO A. NOBLE, First Lieutenant, Adjutant, 1116 5th Ave., Longmont, Colo.
 *(Major John D. Patch commanded the First Battalion from January until June when he was transferred to Headquarters Camp Pontanezen, Brest. Major Bliss, Adjutant, who had been promoted May 28, was placed in command of the First Battalion but retained his duties as Adjutant of the regiment.)

Chaplain

J. EARL CUSTER, First Lieutenant, 523 Buttonwood Ave., Norristown, Pa.

Unassigned or Attached for Return to United States

ONAN C. ADKINS, Captain, McCordsville, Ind.
 LESLIE E. DELF, Captain, Calumet, Mich.
 JOSEPH W. GEER, Captain, Care of O. P. Geer, 37 Wall St., New York.
 SYDNEY PORTER, Second Lieutenant, Town Major.

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 town, Mass.
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 2ND LIEUT. M. R. INCRAHAM
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 2ND LIEUT. A. DeBERRY
 Act. Adjutant 2nd Battalion



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The Long Corridor Upstairs



Looking Out on a Snowy Morning

CHATEAU DE CHEHERY
AT CHATEL - CHEHERY
(ARDENNES FRANCE)



The Lower Corridor



805TH REGIMENTAL HEADQUARTERS
NOV. 25, 1918 TO MAY 2, 1919



The Bearcat Chateau



CHATEAU de Chehery, situated on the eastern edge of the Argonne Forest, just across the Aire river from Chatel, and some twelve kilometers southeast of Grand-Pre (Ardennes), France, owes its origin to an abbey founded in 1147 by the Chapter of Our Lady of Rheims.

According to tradition, it was erected by monks of the order "Citeaux," who came from the Abbey of La Chalade in the center of the Argonne.

The abbey became one of the most important in the diocese and so continued until it was ruined in 1657 during the "Guerres de Religion—la Fronde," in which Louis XIII sought to impose his will on the feudal lords of northern France.

The chateau at present is only a part of the abbey, which the monks rebuilt about the middle of the 18th century.

The French revolution made the chateau a private residence. It was sold as national property to the "de Melcy" family, from the last members of which it was purchased shortly before the present war, by Messrs. Charles Longuet la Marche and Emile Longuet la Marche, who, during the war, were officers in the 243rd French Field Artillery.

In 1914-'15 the chateau was used by the Germans as a hospital. Small cemeteries were laid out in the yards where German soldiers of all ranks are interred. From 1916 to 1918 it was occupied by many German staffs as headquarters. The building was left in good condition, although most of the furniture and works of art had been moved.

The library, done in oak wainscoting with tapestries above and paneled ceiling, retains much of its original splendor. The fireplace is of oak with four carved caryatids. A carved oak chandelier of large dimensions hangs over the table. In one corner there remains a huge carved sideboard in which the Germans placed some



At left—Colonel Humphrey and Madame Longuet la Marche; center—Major Bliss, Captain Emile Longuet la Marche, Madame Longuet la Marche, and Lieutenant Colonel Bacon; at right—Capt. Longuet la Marche with Major Bliss and Lieutenant Hemstreet. The la Marches were the owners of Chateau de Chehery, regimental headquarters.

of the books of the formerly impressive collections. Over the mantel is a good copy of Rubens' "Descent from the Cross" 6 ft. x 8 ft., which was removed from the chapel in December, 1918, to preserve it from rain.

The building bears everywhere the scars of explosive shells. The roof was much pierced but was repaired by troops of the Headquarters Company, 805th Pioneer Infantry, U. S. Army. Unlike most French chateaux, this one is situated under rather than on top of a hill and hence escaped being used as an artillery target.



Regimental Headquarters enlisted staff, 805th Pioneer Infantry, photographed in front of Chateau de Chehery, Chatel Chehery, France, standing by a captured German '77, which was pulled out of the forest by troops of the 805th Pioneer Infantry, March, 1919. From left to right—Battalion Sergeant Major William W. Riley, First Battalion; Battalion Sergeant-Major Fay E. Taylor, Second Battalion; First Class Private Emmitt Bass, clerk; Corporal Charlie Glover; Regimental Sergeant-Major George W. J. Perry; Private James Stucky.

Rear, from left to right—Regimental Color-Sergeant William Higgins (the last on canon); Corporal Thomas H. Parks, orderly for Colonel Humphrey; Private William Sullivan; Private Henry Nichols; Regimental Color-Sergeant Morris Steemer, and Sergeant Thomas R. Davis, Regimental Mail Orderly.

Note:—Regimental Sergeant-Major Henry O. Mariott and Battalion Sergeant-Major Julius M. Tyler, also members of the Regimental Enlisted staff, do not appear on this picture as they were on detached service, attending school at the University of London, and A. E. F. University, Beaune, France, respectively. Regimental Sergeant-Major Clarence R. A. Banks was in the personnel office at Clermont at this time.

For a few days early in November, the chateau was used as a headquarters by the First Corps, U. S. Army, and from November 25, 1918, to May 2, 1919, was occupied by Colonel C. B. Humphrey and staff and the officers of the Headquarters Company, 805th Pioneer Infantry. The outlying buildings were occupied by the Headquarters Company during this period, and also by the Motor Truck Detachment.

The regimental guardhouse was also located at Chateau de Chehery. The band occupied several comfortable German-built cottages nearby. To the chateau came many officers of high rank when their duties called them into the area. Colonel Humphrey and his officers were hosts to 300 members of the General Staff College,



When the Congressional Committee on Military Affairs, escorted by officers from G. H. Q., dropped in.

students, and instructors on their final staff ride over the First Army Battle Area during the second week of January, 1919.

Representatives of several divisions, especially the 82nd, which had occupied the chateau as headquarters in October, returned and were guests while looking over their battle grounds. The First Corps U. S. A. Headquarters used the chateau at one time.

With the 82nd Division groups came Major G. E. Buxton of the Providence Journal, who was Divisional Historian and Corporal (later Sergeant) Alvin C. York, who distinguished himself by capturing some 132 Germans near Cornay, single-handed—only a mile from the chateau.

To write Corp. York's story came also George Pattullo of the Saturday Evening Post.

A notable occasion was the arrival of Ambassador John Davis, American envoy to England, who brought with him March 11, several high ranking British and American officers, among whom were:

Lord Peel, Under Secretary for War, England.
Lord Burnham, Owner of London Daily Telegram.
Lieut. Gen. Sir A. J. Godley, 22nd Corps, British Army.
Major Gen. H. K. Bethell, British Army.
Major Gen. C. F. Boyd, British Army.
Brig. Gen. C. M. Wagstaff, Chief of British Mission, at American Headquarters.
Brig. Gen. R. J. Burt, U. S. A., General Staff.
Brig. Gen. D. F. Nolan, U. S. A., General Staff.
Lieut. Col. A. Moreno, U. S. A., General Staff.
Lieut. Col. Lloyd Griscom, U. S. A., General Staff.
Captain H. F. S. Law, British Army, Aide to Gen. Godley.
Captain J. G. O. Marriott, British Army.

The following members of the Congressional Committee on Military Affairs, and Officers of the U. S. Army who escorted them, were guests at Regimental Headquarters, 805th Pioneer Infantry at Chateau de Chehery (Ardennes) France, Tuesday, April 22, 1919:

Congressman S. H. Dent, Montgomery, Ala.
Congressman D. R. Anthony, Jr., Leavenworth, Kan.
Congressman Sam J. Nicholls, Spartanburg, S. C.
Congressman John Q. Gilson, New Haven, Conn.
Congressman F. La Guardia, New York.
Congressman Chas. P. Caldwell, Forest Hill, Long Island, N. Y.
Congressman W. Fields, Olive Hill, Ky.
Congressman John F. Miller, Seattle, Wash.
Congressman John M. Morin, Pittsburgh, Penn.
Congressman Thomas S. Crago, Waynesburg, Penn.
Congressman Harris E. Hull, Williamsburg, Ia.
Congressman I. W. Harrison, Winchester, Va.
Congressman Frank L. Greene, St. Albans, Vt.

Officers

Major General James W. McAndrew, Chief of Staff, American Expeditionary Forces.
Major General Charles P. Summerall, Commanding 4th Corps American Expeditionary Forces.
Major General William J. Snow, Chief of Field Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces.
Brigadier General Fox Conner, Assistant Chief of Staff, G-3, American Expeditionary Forces.
Brigadier General Briant H. Wells, General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces.
Brigadier General Frank Le J. Parker, Visitors' Bureau, Paris.
Colonel George C. Marshall Jr., General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces.
Lieutenant Colonel Thomas W. Hammond, General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces (who escorted the Congressional party from Washington, D. D.)
Lieutenant Colonel Roy W. Holderness, G-2, Tours, American Expeditionary Forces.

Lieutenant Colonel N. D. Ballentine, Signal Corps, American Expeditionary Forces.

Lieutenant Colonel R. J. West, American Expeditionary Forces.

Major Parker C. Kalloch Jr., General Staff, American Expeditionary Forces.

Major J. D. Pilcher, Medical Corps, American Expeditionary Forces.

Captain C. S. Blaisely, Captain, Field Artillery, American Expeditionary Forces.

First Lieutenant George W. Seaton, American Expeditionary Forces.

First Lieutenant E. H. Riddle, Motor Transport Corps, American Expeditionary Forces.

Captain and Lieutenant Longuet la Marche visited the chateau in December, 1918. Captain Emile Longuet la Marche brought his wife to the chateau for a brief visit in the winter, and the two spent the month of April, 1919, there, laying plans for its restoration and refurnishing, and for the rehabilitation of the surrounding country, in which work the 805th Pioneer Infantry rendered considerable assistance.

Members of the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Salvation Army, and the Society of Friends were frequent guests at the chateau.

Men of the Headquarters Company dragged a German '77 from St. Juvin and placed it in front of the building in the round plat formed by the circular driveway. Here it will remain, no doubt, for many years to come.

With what feelings will members of the regiment look upon this gun and upon the chateau when, as no doubt many of them will, they go back many years from now to the terrible, yet wonderful, familiar Argonne Forest? When they do go back they will go also to Romagne, a few kilometers away, there to pay homage to 22,000 American soldiers, buried on the side of a gentle hill, in a beautiful cemetery which, for a few days while they were awaiting movement orders, two of the 805th Pioneer Infantry companies had the honor of helping build.

A Letter from Captain la Marche

CHATEL-CHEHERY

Par Grandpré, Ardennes

20 Dec. 1918 .

La tristesse que j'éprouve à voir ma pauvre maison démolie, a été grandement atténuée par l'accueil charmant et amical que j'y ai reçu à deux reprises de la part du Colonel et des Officiers de l'État-Major du 805e Regiment de Pionniers d'Infanterie Américaine.

De même que je n'oublierai jamais les excellents moments passés avec eux, de même, je penserai toujours que c'est grâce à leurs travaux que le Chateau a pu résister aux rigueurs de l'hiver.

Je suis heureux de leur adresser ici mes meilleurs remerciements avec l'assurance de mes sentiments amicaux.

EMILE LONGUET LA MARCHE.



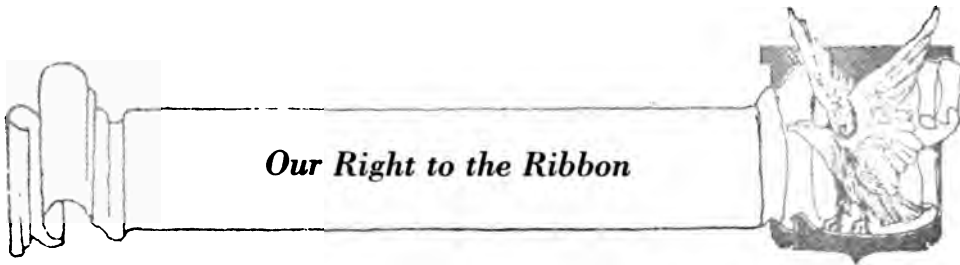
Where the Regiment Got Its Men

STATE	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	K	L	M	HQ	SUP	MED	TOTAL
Alabama	7	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	8	..	19
Arkansas	4	..	4	..	1	..	..	..	7	..	1	..	..	5	..	22
Arizona	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
California	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	4
Colorado	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1
Connecticut	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	..	9
Florida	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
Georgia	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Idaho	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1
Iowa	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	3
Indiana	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	1	..	1	6
Illinois	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	3	7
Kansas	3	1	17	24	17	5	1	14	10	79	100	81	77	17	13	459
Louisiana	50	38	4	19	52	70	68	58	58	40	49	38	56	15	5	620
Mississippi	28	12	3	26	52	36	28	49	47	6	11	34	6	18	6	363
Missouri	58	79	97	80	69	77	84	71	73	77	50	35	44	13	11	918
New York	3	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	..	..	10
New Jersey	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	..	..	4
Nebraska	4	6	5	6	2	2	8	9	9	2	6	9	3	2	..	73
North Carolina	14	11	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	27
New Mexico	..	..	..	3	..	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Ohio	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	6
Oklahoma	..	23	27	12	2	..	27	2	..	4	..	1	29	28	2	157
Pennsylvania	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	2
South Dakota	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	1	..	1	1	..	6
South Carolina	6	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	10
Texas	11	6	2	3	2	1	2	3	3	1	2	3	5	10	..	53
Tennessee	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
Virginia	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	1	..	11
West Virginia	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Washington	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	4	..	5
Total	195	194	164	174	199	196	223	208	208	213	225	203	235	134	39	2810

Glimpses of the Morning Reports

Date	Officers	Men Attached	Men Assigned	Total Men	Commanding Officer
July 15, 1918	44	312	801	1113	Colonel Butler
July 23, 1918	47	303	836	1139	Colonel Humphrey
August 8, 1918	99	6	2067	2073	Colonel Humphrey
August 27, 1918	99	..	3222	3222	Colonel Humphrey
September 5, 1918	98	..	3178	3178	Colonel Humphrey
September 17, 1918	94	..	2968	2968	Colonel Humphrey
October 10, 1918	95	..	2776	2776	Colonel Humphrey
(lost 191 sick at Rôlampont)					
November 11, 1918	100	..	2723	2723	Colonel Humphrey
November 25, 1918	100	..	2722	2722	Colonel Humphrey
(Nov. 27 we had 80 replacements. All to A and C Companies)					
December 25, 1918	100	..	2788	2788	Colonel Humphrey
February 25, 1919	109	..	2807	2807	Colonel Humphrey
(Sick men returned)					
March 25, 1919	108	..	2777	2777	Colonel Humphrey
April 29, 1919	107	..	2751	2751	Colonel Humphrey
June 17, 1919	81	..	2699	2699	Colonel Humphrey
June 30, 1919	79	..	2683	2683	Colonel Humphrey

Total loss 539.



General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, France

APRIL 19, 1919.

From: Commander-in-Chief, American Expeditionary Forces.
To: Commanding Officer, 805th Pioneer Infantry,
Subject: Battle Participation.

Following is a list of the battle engagements of the 805th Regiment of Pioneer Infantry during the war with Germany, including organizations which are entitled to the silver bands awarded under paragraph 244, Army Regulations. The ribbons herewith are furnished in lieu of the bands which will be supplied later by the Adjutant General, U. S. Army.

1. MEUSE-ARGONNE Offensive, *France*, 3 Oct. 11 Nov., 1918.

Organization entitled to silver band:

By Command of GENERAL PERSHING;

J. J. JONES,
Adjutant General.

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General Headquarters, American Expeditionary Forces, France

APRIL 19, 1919.

From: The Adjutant General, American Expeditionary Forces.
To: Commanding Officer, 805th Pioneer Infantry,
Subject: Ribbons.

1. Herewith is a copy of the order issued at these headquarters on the subject of the award of silver bands, to be engraved and placed upon the pike of colors or lance of the standards of the organizations which have served in the American Expeditionary Forces. Even if we could get here in France the prescribed silver bands, it would be impossible to have the engraving done in time to present them to the organizations entitled to them. For that reason, each organization is given a ribbon which shows in which battles it participated. This ribbon will be retained until the proper silver band is presented by the War Department.

2. The Commander-in-Chief directed me to send the ribbons to you, and to ask you to present them with appropriate ceremonies to the units for which they are intended. He regrets very much that this cannot be done by him in person.

By command of GENERAL PERSHING;

J. J. JONES,
Adjutant General.

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Hq., 805th Pioneer Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces, 29 April, 1919.—To all troops of this command.

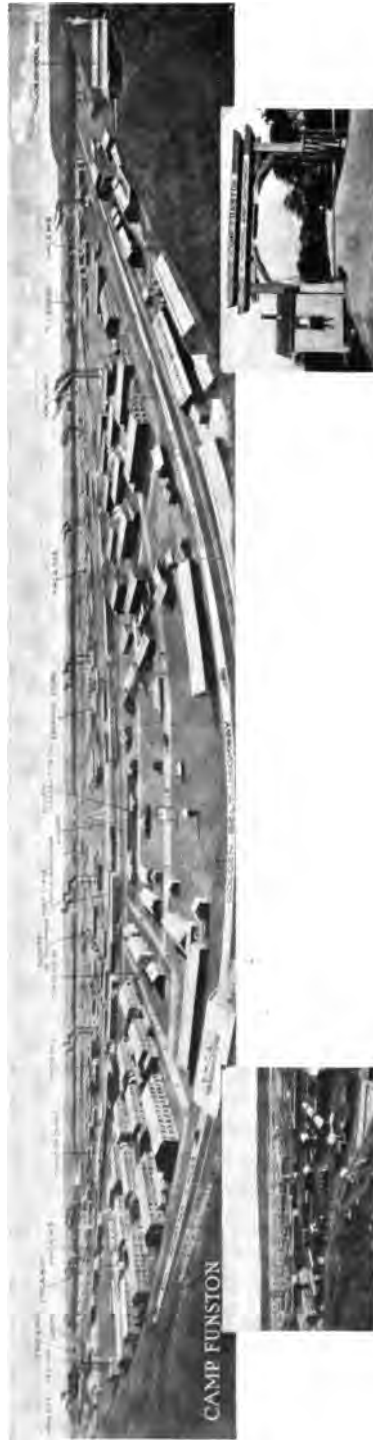
1. The foregoing letters speak for themselves. Copies will be furnished every officer and enlisted man of this regiment. They should be preserved.

2. The ribbons will be fastened upon the pikestaff of the regimental colors.

C. B. HUMPHREY,
Colonel, Infantry, U. S. A.
Commanding.

OFFICIAL:

PAUL S. BLISS,
Captain, Infantry, U. S. A.,
Adjutant.

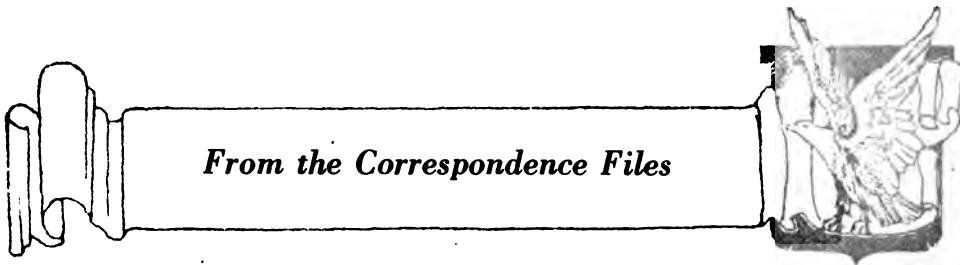


Through the gate pictured on the right the 805th Pioneer Infantry marched July 15, 1918, on its way from Detention Camp No. 2, to its barracks in Camp Funston.

On the "golden hills of Funston" from the crest of which this photograph was taken, the regiment drilled for six weeks and then was sped on its way to Europe.

The regiment occupied buildings in the east end of camp (left in the picture).

Major-General Leonard Wood was in command at Camp Funston during this time and issued the orders sending the Bearcats on their journey to France, Aug. 25, 1918.



From the Correspondence Files

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF

To Departing Officers of the A. E. F.

After honorably serving your Country in a great war, you are about to embark for the homeland. Remember that the bearing of their officers is reflected in the behavior and discipline of the men you are commanding homeward bound. I most sincerely trust that no single act may occur to stain the splendid record won by our troops in Europe. My confidence and best wishes follow you and them as you cross the sea, and in your future service in the Army or elsewhere.

JOHN J. PERSHING.

ARMY GENERAL STAFF COLLEGE

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES, FRANCE

January 14, 1919.

From: Director, Army General Staff College.

To: Commandant, Army Schools.

Subject: Courtesies Extended to Staff Class by 805th Pioneer Infantry.

1. During the recent historical ride, the staff class was the guest of the 805th Pioneer Infantry at Chateau Chehery. Colonel C. B. Humphrey, 805th Pioneer Infantry, his officers and men were most hospitable and energetic in their efforts to provide comfort and entertainment to the members of the class.

2. Through your office I desire to express my appreciation and that of the class for the many courtesies and kindnesses, which made our visit a most enjoyable one.

M. C. KERTH,
Colonel, G. S.,
Director.

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Headquarters' Army Schools, A. P. O. 714, A. E. F.

January 15, 1919.

To Commanding Officer, 805th Pioneer Infantry, American Expeditionary Forces:

1. Approved.

F. E. BAMFORD,
Brigadier General,
Commandant.

WINDSOR CASTLE

Soldiers of the United States, the people of the British Isles welcome you on your way to take your stand beside the Armies of many Nations now fighting in the Old World the great battle for human freedom.

The Allies will gain new heart and spirit in your company. I wish that I could shake the hand of each one of you and bid you God speed on your mission.

GEORGE R. I.

April, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS

U. S. TROOPS ABOARD R. M. S. SAXONIA

September 14, 1918

From: C. O. Troops aboard R. M. S. Saxonia.
To: Capt. W. H. Hossack, Comdg., R. M. S. Saxonia.
Subject: Efficiency of Ship's Officers and Men.

1. I wish to express my appreciation and that of all officers, nurses, and enlisted men aboard the R. M. S. Saxonia, of the efficiency of the navigating officers and crew and all other members of the ship's company.

2. Every attention was paid to the comfort and good care of officers, nurses, and enlisted passengers.

3. Our best wishes are extended to Capt. Hossack, the kindly and efficient officers under him, and to the crew, with the hope that they may have good weather and no mishaps in all their subsequent voyages.

C. B. HUMPHREY,
Colonel, 805th Pioneer Infantry,
Commanding.

AMERICAN RED CROSS

ON ACTIVE SERVICE WITH THE AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

November 25, 1918.

From: Lieut. H. O. Johnson, A. R. C.
To: The Commanding Officer, 805th Pioneer Infantry.

This little note comes to you, conveying the thanks and appreciation of the Red Cross for your kindness in furnishing men to help in our work here.

The work done by your men has been very important, and has helped us get our supplies to the hospitals and men at the front promptly.

H. O. JOHNSON,
Lieut. A. R. C.,
In charge of Warehouse,
Clermont.

I certify this is a true copy:

MAYLAND P. LEWIS,
1st Lieut, Inf., U. S. A., 805th Pioneer Inf.

HEADQUARTERS 805TH PIONEER INFANTRY

ROLAMPONT, FRANCE

October 1, 1918.

From: C. O. 805th Pioneer Infantry.
To: Capt. A. W. Gauger, Army Gas School, Ft. St. Menge.
Subject: Report on Instruction.

1. I wish to express my appreciation of the excellent manner in which our regiment was instructed in gas by representatives of your school, especially Lieut. J. H. Dupre. I also wish to thank you for the mimeograph copies of the Gas School Weekly Summary.

2. I am confident that when our regimental gas officers and non-commissioned gas officers return from your school they will have been most thoroughly instructed.

3. Our first battalion, which was delayed in convoy, will arrive at Rolampont on October 4th or 5th. This battalion, or about two-thirds of it, has had some preliminary gas instruction at Camp Funston, Kansas, U. S. A., but I wish you to disregard this instruction and give them complete gas instruction as soon as they arrive. Their gas masks have been drawn for them and will be left here so that you can give them their training at once. General Headquarters advises us that they will linger in Rolampont only two days.

C. B. HUMPHREY,
Colonel, Inf., U. S. A.,
Commanding.

HEADQUARTERS, FIRST ARMY

OFFICE OF CHIEF ENGINEER

From: The Chief Engineer, First Army.
To: The Commanding Officer, 805th Pioneer Infantry.
Subject: Services Rendered During Offensive.

1. The Chief Engineer desires to express his highest appreciation to you and to your Regiment for the services rendered to the First Army, in the offensive between the Meuse and the Argonne, starting September 26, and the continuation of that Offensive on November 1, and concluding with the armistice of November 11.
2. The success of the operations of the Army Engineer Troops towards constructing and maintaining supply lines, both roads and railway, of the Army, was in no small measure made possible by the excellent work performed by your troops.
3. It is desired that the terms of this letter be published to all the officers and enlisted men of your command at the earliest opportunity.
4. A copy of this letter has been sent to the Chief of Staff, First Army.

GEORGE R. SPALDING, Col. Engrs.
Chief Engineer, First Army,
American Expeditionary Forces.

I certify this is a true copy:

PAUL S. BLISS,
Capt. Inf., U. S. A.
Adjutant.

HEADQUARTERS AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

VISITORS' BUREAU

Paris, 37 Rue de Bassano, May 1, 1919.

My dear Humphrey:

The Congressional Committee returned to Paris last night, and I am taking advantage of this first opportunity to drop you a line, and thank you once again for the courtesies and hospitality extended by yourself and your officers to the Committee and to those accompanying it during their stop at Chatel Chehery.

The luncheon and vaudeville entertainment were very much enjoyed by us all, and we appreciate greatly the trouble that you took to make the visit to Chatel Chehery such a pleasant one.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,
F. LE J. PARKER,
Brigadier General, U. S. A.

COLONEL C. B. HUMPHREY,
805th Pioneer Infantry,
Chatel Chehery, Ardennes.

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

HEADQUARTERS SERVICES OF SUPPLY, OFFICE OF THE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER

Tours, May 29, 1919.

COLONEL C. B. HUMPHREY,
805th Pioneer Infantry, Camp Pontanezen, Brest.

Dear Humphrey:

Your letter of May 26 reached me this morning, and I am sending it by endorsement and special messenger to the Director, Motor Transport Corps in Tours, who handles the automobiles.

Sorry not to see you again before you leave. As a matter of information I want to let you know that while at Neufchateau I recommended that you be given a Certificate of Meritorious Service. Whether you will get it or not I do not know, but I wish you to know that I made the recommendation.

With very best regards and good wishes, I am,

Sincerely yours,
WILLIAM E. HORTON,
Colonel, Q. M. C.



Lesson in the Manual.



Company "B" at Cheveres.



The R. S. O.

NOT HARD TO OBEY, WERE THEY?



At Shelby.



The Third Battalion at a Shoot.



Three of a Kind.



At Second Battalion Headquarters
Varennes (Major Mosham).



On Guard.



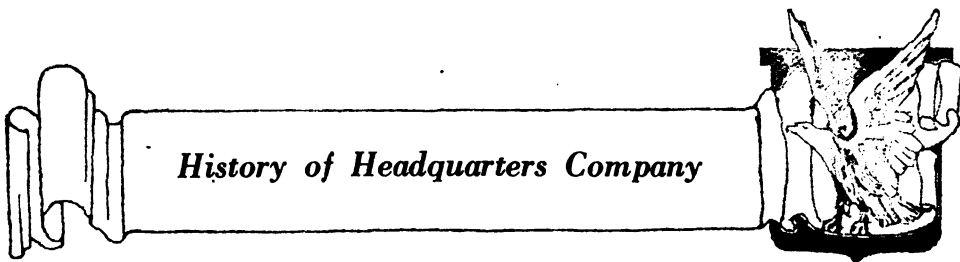
Capt. Thompson, Salvage Officer and
the Romagne "Y" Girls Pay a
Call.



Red Cross Post No. 1 at Crest.



Hands up Pistol Range at Chateau De
Chehery



History of Headquarters Company

By LIEUT. KARL A. HEINZEN

HHEADQUARTERS Company had its beginning June 20, in a row of tents at Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, when Captain F. O. Jenkins, Lieut. Harold E. Johnson, Lieut. Frederick H. Jones, and Lieut. Raymond F. Olinger received the first recruits for what was then Headquarters Company, First Provisional Regiment.

By orders dated July 5, the 805th Infantry was formed, and Lieut. Johnson and Lieut. Olinger assigned to duty with Headquarters Company of the new organization. Ten days later these two officers and seventy-three men marched to Funston, where the Headquarters Company was placed in buildings 1839 and 1939. Soon afterward the regiment became the 805th Pioneer Infantry.

In Funston the training of the organization progressed rapidly. July 30, the company's strength was increased by the addition of 197 recruits. August 10, with the breaking up of the Machine Gun Company, Captain Frank D. Moses and Lieut. Frank T. Knox were added to the Headquarters Company's list of officers, with Captain Moses in command. They brought with them a number of men, placing the strength of the company at nearly 300. On August 12, Lieut. Walter H. Brenneman was assigned to the company, and Lieut. Karl A. Heinzen reported the following day.

Preparations for departing for overseas service were now being rushed, officers and men working night and day to place the company in first class shape. Specialists were added to the enlisted personnel, and surplus men were transferred.

At 10:45 p. m., August 27, six officers and 240 men who made up the company entrained at Funston for their long trip, and arrived in Camp Upton, N. Y., early in the morning of August 31. There was little sleep for anyone at Upton. Paper work, equipment, and other preparations for embarking kept all busy. On the morning of September 2, the company left for Quebec, and sailed from there on the night of September 3, on the *Saxonia*, a Cunard liner.

Fourteen days later, on the morning of September 17, Headquarters Company, which then numbered six officers and 236 men, landed on European soil at Liverpool, leaving immediately for Southampton. The following night came the dash across the channel, and the morning of September 19 found the company safely in Le Havre, France, from which the start was made for Rolampont, Haute Marne, September 20. Rolampont was reached September 22, and here for ten days the company camped in a field near the village, being equipped for service at the front, drilling and receiving instruction in the use of gas masks.

On October 2 the company again boarded a train, and left for some destination which had not been announced. Early the following morning, when everyone jumped from the cars and lined up, the noise from an intense artillery fire, apparently not many miles away, made it certain to all that the front was somewhere nearby, and it was soon known that the pretty little shell-swept village in which the company had arrived was Clermont-en-Argonne, a few miles back of the line where the American First Army had jumped off in the Meuse-Argonne drive a few days before.

The company was immediately marched to the top of Butte St. Anne, overlooking Clermont, where shelter tents were pitched. After a few days the men were moved into barracks nearby, which had formerly been occupied by the French. The company remained billeted on this hill during the remainder of the drive.

On October 18 Lieut. Knox and Lieut. Johnson were made first lieutenants. Lieut. Knox, who had been in charge of regimental gas instruction in Funston, took charge of the same work, and as regimental gas officer was responsible for the safety of the men of the regiment in gas attacks.

On October 21 the company received its "baptism of fire" when a group of German airmen flew over Clermont and dropped enough bombs to have done considerable damage had their aim been a little better. Although there were plenty of dug-outs nearby, curiosity overcame any other feeling, and most of the men showed a desire to see just what happened during an air raid. The experience was repeated two nights later.



On October 24 Captain Moses and Lieut. Olinger left the company to go to Company "D", and Captain T. A. Immel and Lieut. O. F. Ireland were assigned to the organization. Lieut. Ireland left November 1, and Lieut. Leonce R. Legendre was assigned November 5. On November 14 Captain Immel left to take command of the Second Battalion of the regiment, and Captain George M. Bragan was assigned to take charge of the company.

On November 26 the company left Clermont to take up new quarters at Chateau de Chehery, which was then advance headquarters of the regiment. Men of the company assisted in putting the chateau into good condition and aided in the salvage operations in which the regiment was then engaged. They showed their ability and ingenuity in a number of ways, in helping bring order to the wrecked Argonne region. Electrical specialists repaired wrecked German electric plants, strung wires



German Soldiers' Kitchen in Argonne
March 26, 1918



German Prisoners' Prison Shell Holes
at Apremont



A Teuton Narrow Gauge Military Rail-
road and Locomotive



Road Camouflage



Shell Baskets



A Steel "Pill Box"



How We "Took" to Enemy Souvenirs



Corridor Road



Not Pleasant to Walk Through



German "Pill Boxes" at Apremont.
They Weigh a Ton and are
Made of Steel



"Boche" Prisoners at Souilly



Prince Rupprecht's "Eagle" House at
the Argonne Front



The Prisoners' Bunkers Lined Up at
the Argonne Front. Each One Has a
Hole Looking into the Hill in
Which It Buries When Killed

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for light and communication, and made the chateau a pleasant place in which to live.

Men of the company were of great assistance in the entertainment of the Staff College and other groups of officers who visited the chateau.

Early in the year it was decided to organize a band. Instruments were secured, the regiment was searched for men of musical ability, and all were assembled at Headquarters Company, under the direction of Lieut. Leonce R. Legendre. Pvt. George L. Polk, later made assistant band leader, worked hard with this material, and in a few weeks it was evident that the band would be a success. At the same time, Pvt. William Higgins, afterward made color sergeant, who had entertained the regiment and its guests since leaving Funston, gathered together a number of entertainers and started work on a theatrical production, which during the winter and spring not only provided entertainment for the companies of the 805th, but also played with great success in almost every town in the Argonne-Meuse sector, and later went to Neufchateau and nearby places. At Camp Pontanezen, Brest, this show was one of the most popular in the big embarkation center.

On January 14 Lieut. Brenneman, who had been with the company since it left Funston, was sent to Company "E" on special duty, and later was transferred to Company "K."

Educational work was started in the company on March 6, classes being formed in a variety of subjects, ranging from elementary to high school studies. These classes were held whenever possible.

About this time, athletics began to occupy the minds of the men of the company, and a baseball team was formed, which played a series of games on diamonds built near the chateau. Battalion and company teams from within the regiment were played, and the schedule was gone through without a defeat.

On March 16 the six-month period of service in the American Expeditionary Forces was completed, and little time was lost in sewing on the left sleeve the little gold chevron which marks the veteran.

On April 22, after almost five months spent in the chateau, the company, with the rest of the regiment, received orders to go to Le Mans. Two days later these orders were changed, and the organization was ordered to Brest. The start was made from Chatel Chehery May 2, and Brest was reached May 5.

In a short summary of the work of the company in France, the spirit of the men and their willingness to do the tasks assigned them can not be spoken of too highly. Every member of the company showed a spirit of co-operation with the company officers. A good staff of non-commissioned officers, including First Sgt. Daniels, Supply Sgt. Allen, Mess Sgt. Beauchamp, Color Sgt. Steemer, who acted also as provost sergeant and regimental gas non-com., was of great assistance. The duty sergeants, who included some trained men from the 25th Infantry, were active at all times. This spirit filled every non-com. and private in the company.

While there were numerous changes during the period of service in France, in the personnel of the company, a large majority of the men who came to France with Headquarters Company, returned with the same organization.

Death took two men: Corporal William Ward, who died in February, following an operation for appendicitis, and Pvt. Sam Jackson, who died in October from pneumonia.

Through the long days of the Argonne campaign, the dreary days of the winter which followed the armistice, and the more pleasant spring days in the Aire valley, which perhaps made the separation from home felt more keenly, the men kept at their duties with good spirits; but when orders came at Brest which brought the company home there was not need for a word of warning here and there to hasten the work of packing. Headquarters Company climbed aboard the transport and looked to the West with a feeling that their work had been done to the best of their ability, and that their record in France was one which justified a feeling of pride.

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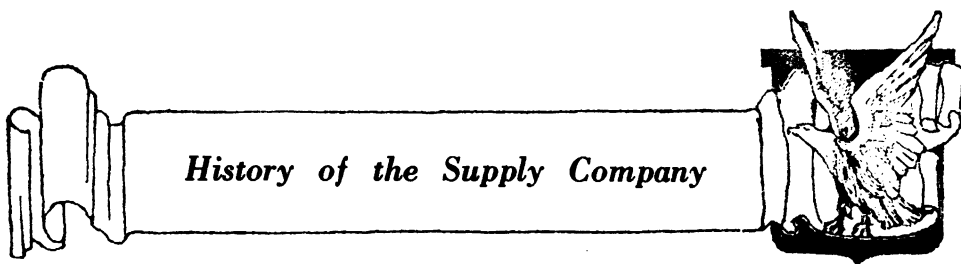


Company "G" in the rear and the Supply Company in the foreground, at Clermont-en-Argonne. Note Butte St. Anne, cypress-crowned in the distance. The officers left to right are: Capt. Thomas R. Lindsey, Lieut. Henry Wallenstein, Lieut. W. S. McFarland and Lieut. James Keeble.



PAY IN SIGHT FOR THE BEARCATS

Lieut. F. D. Preston (center), Regimental Supply Officer, and Lieut. James Keeble, Jr. (right) coming into camp with bags containing \$101,945.94, the final pay of the 805th Pioneer Infantry in the Expeditionary Forces, at Camp Pontanezen, Brest, June 14, 1919. Regimental Supply Sergeant Jack I. Warren (left) isn't going to let any unauthorized persons get the money.



History of the Supply Company

BY LIEUT. F. D. PRESTON

THE S. O. S. of the 805th Infantry, as the 805 Bearcats were then known, like a great many of the other important and really good things of the Army, was organized in July of 1918, by the second lieutenants. These lieutenants became firsts, and at one time there was a captain with the company, but the first official record of the company, the morning report of July 15, shows that 2nd Lieut. G. W. Steagall and 2nd Lieut. W. G. Cook, with sixty-five recruits, constituted the S. O. S. of the regiment. 2nd Lieut. W. S. McFarland had been thrown in for good measure, but Regimental Headquarters, being at that early stage expert in the grabbing game, had requisitioned him as regimental mess officer.

Out there in Funston, where the wind and the sand and the dust blow in a continual procession, where the state of Kansas passes in daily review, and where every one feels dirty and looks dirty; where the customary Monday morning grouch is a perpetual affair, the Supply Company was officially born. The records do not show any particular nebular disturbance, but it is a safe assumption that the wind was blowing with its accustomed force, and that the tents out there in Detention Camp No. 2 had the usual inch of dust all over the floors before the first of the long series of memoranda came out ordering every one to police up.

The tents were of the usual uncomfortable kind, and the future S. O. S'ers got their baptism into the army in the shape of a shot in the arm and a vaccination, and then started in to learn the business of soldiering. The few remarks which follow will show that they learned the lesson well, and being in charge of real second lieutenants, they got away to a flying start that kept the Supply Company in the lead all through the experiences of the regiment.

Taking a look at the early records of the company, one finds that the first man to get his name mentioned in the official reports was Pvt. Ulysses S. Balls, who closely followed in file by Arrington, Smith, White, and Wicks was ordered on special duty. The honor of being the first man to go to the hospital goes to Pvt. Jesse Thompson, who started singing that he didn't want to get well on the 16th, after only one day in his new home. Then Gus Morris broke into the limelight, and grabbed off the prize of being the first man to come back from the hospital, for on the 21st he discovered that the nurses were not beautiful at all.

In the army, someone is always being appointed to something. Company Order No. 1 disturbed the peace of the windy morning of the 19th of July by appointing Pvt. Sherman Pearson to the exalted position of bugler. He was obeyed and respected accordingly, and bugled the command out for reveille, until he was busted and transferred to the medical detachment, where they pay no attention to reveille and do not need buglers. It was a sad ending for so noble a beginning, but the history of many great artists can be written only in sad words. It seems that in the early days, Twine had the greatest pull with the camp authorities, for S. O. 200, Headquarters Camp Funston, gave him the first leave of absence. The remarkable thing about it is that he got back on time, and you will find his name mentioned again later. The first non-commissioned officer in the company was Jack Warren, who dropped in for lunch one day with the three stripes of sergeant on his right sleeve, and taught the men to pronounce all the syllables of his title. He is the same Jack who has

since been redecorated with the three other stripes of a regimental supply sergeant, and the same one whom you all went to see when you lost your extra shoe laces, and wanted to replenish the supply without the knowledge of the supply sergeant.

Every one remembers the long hike into Camp Funston proper, the birth of the Bearcat, the hot days on the range with the service rifle, and the elusive bull's-eye. The records do not show it, but the authors will wager a freckled doughnut that the first man to get out a base ball was none other than the Foote who has since pitched the company and the regimental teams to all those victories.

Another 2nd Lieut., James Keeble, Jr., joined August 10, and the next day Captain Thomas R. Lindsey relieved Lieut. Cook as Regimental Supply Officer, and 2nd Lieut.



Walter E. Barton joined Lieut. Steagall with the company. The horses and wagons arrived about the same time, and the business of getting ready to lick the Hun went merrily on.

It was generally known, even at that early date, that the 805th Infantry ("Pioneer" was added somewhat later) was to be sent overseas as soon as it could be prepared. That the regiment was ready to move, every man with a full equipment of everything that could be issued at Camp Funston, was largely due to the efficient work of Captain Thomas R. Lindsey, of Louisville, Ky. With his staff of officers and men, he worked unceasingly, and the company was always ready to handle the tons of equipment. On the arrival of the company at Camp Upton, two days of feverish activity began. Captain Lindsey, Lieut. Cook, Lieut. Marston, another "second" who had joined in the meantime, with Sgt. Warren, and Smith, now also a regimental



Ration Dump of 1st Division, showing one day's rations in reserve for the doughboys.
Very, Meuse, France. October 4, 1918.



Ammunition Dump of 1st Division ablaze, showing two 155's with tractors afire. Char-
pentry, Meuse, France. October 4, 1918.

supply sergeant, and Wicks were busiest. Tons of cotton equipment was exchanged for the wool overseas equipment. Everyone said that it could not be done, but the Supply Company made history in those two days, and every man left for France with a new overcoat, woolen clothing, spiral puttees, and everything needed by a regiment that was to be issued in the States. There was no time to think of eating or sleeping, but the regiment was equipped, and the S. O. S. call had been answered.

The company sailed for France with Regimental Headquarters, second battalion and the Headquarters Company on the good ship Saxonnia. In spite of the day and night work at camp, every one was happy, and if there had been any "subs" around, there are those willing to bet anything from "c c" pills to corned beef that the Supply Company would have seen them first. After landing in France, and passing the inspections of Liverpool, Southampton, and Le Havre, the company arrived in Rolampont, and again drew a few tons of ordnance, helmets, tents, shoes, and such things. They then proceeded to Clermont-en-Argonne, and took up the watch on Butte Ste. Anne, where history tells us Peter the Hermit started the First Crusade. The first few days were mainly consumed in watching the aeroplanes darting to and fro, for this hill was the beginning of the front, and all airplanes flew over it for the purpose of taking their bearings.

The hill looked safe and imposing, so the supply company settled down, dug in for the winter, and stayed right there until the eventful morning exactly eight months later when the train of familiar "Hommes 40, Chevaux 8," rolled away for Brest and kitchen police. Despite the nightly visits of the inquisitive Jerry with his humming motor, and offerings of the deadly bomb, causing a natural inclination to sleep in a dug-out, the company had plenty of work. The regiment quickly became scattered, and the problem of distribution of rations and supplies became increasingly harder. We are unable to find any one who was either naked or hungry, so we pat ourselves on the shoulder and think about the long, weary nights when there were twenty-six men out on guard; when the salvage dump and the gasoline station had to have men; when a lick on the road was sending ten pounds of bacon to the men in the front line; when the road so painfully and carefully built up to the camp had washed out, and had to be rebuilt; when the various regiments moved to or from the front through Clermont, and the company turned out the next morning and once more cleaned and policed up the town; to the times when wood had to be carried from the railhead; and to the millions of other little things that were cheerfully done.

Due to the difficulty of making selections from the many good men in the company, no non-commissioned officers were appointed until in October. Then Walter Payne was made "top", and Adams, Smith, Powell, Wicks, Andrews, Pressley, and Anderson adorned themselves with sergeants' chevrons. Twine, Odum, Primer, Beckholm, and Simpson became corporals. Payne was later deposed from the throne, and Anderson, another 25th Infantry man, inherited the disc of the 1st sergeant.

About the same time, Ordnance Sergeant Dewey Messeral joined the company and became of invaluable assistance to the supply officer in caring for the details of the ordnance equipment of the regiment.

Among the officers, many things had happened. The company mourned with Captain Lindsey the death of his father, and wished him Godspeed when he left the company to return to the States as a casual to look after the interests of his sisters. All of the second lieutenants who had started the company had earned their silver bar. Lieuts. Cook and Marston had been transferred to line companies; 2nd Lieut. George W. Spaine had joined; and 1st Lieut. F. D. Preston had finished the argument with the lieutenant-colonel concerning the relative merits of the beers of Cincinnati and Tiffin, and joined as regimental supply officer.

At Brest the company again handled the tons of equipment necessary to give each man a complete outfit of serviceable clothing on the arrival in the States, and became quartermasters with the same willingness that they had displayed as true pioneers.

SUPPLY COMPANY

Officers

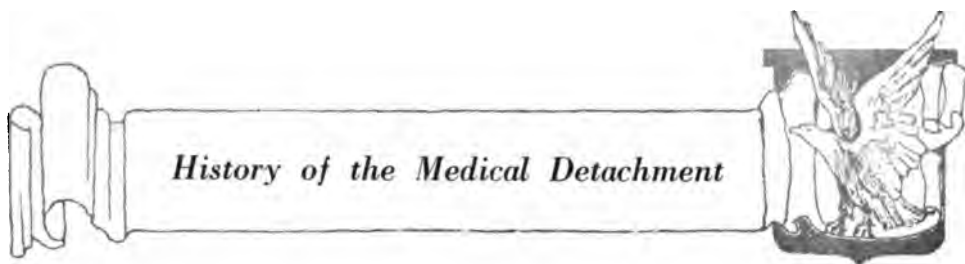
PRESTON, FRANK DAVIS, First Lieutenant Infantry, U. S. A. 3301 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio
 STEAGALL, G. W., First Lieutenant Infantry, U. S. A. Tullahoma, Tenn.
 McFARLAND, WILLIAM SYLVESTER, First Lieutenant Infantry, U. S. A. Ladonia, Texas
 KEEBLE, JAMES, JR., First Lieutenant Infantry, U. S. A. Elgin, Texas
 SPAINE, GEORGE WILLIAM, Second Lieutenant Infantry, U. S. A. 546 W. 147th St., New York, N. Y.

Men

WARREN, JACK I.	337006	Regimental Supply Sergeant	Chicago, Ill.
SMITH, GIBBS WAYNE	3300786	Regimental Supply Sergeant	715 Fond Du Lac St., Muskogee, Okla.
ANDERSON, EDWARD	335007	First Sergeant	825 W. Davis St., Jackson, Miss.
SMITH, MARCELLUS	3302034	Mess Sergeant	Higginsville, Mo.
ANDREWS, CHARLES HENRY	3300673	Supply Sergeant	1540 Merriell St., Trenton, Mo.
ARRINGTON, DANIEL M.	3300764	Supply Sergeant	626 Fond Du Lac St., Muskogee, Okla.
POWELL, CALVIN E.	2921617	Supply Sergeant	Eutaw, Ala.
ADAMS, THOMAS	3300731	Sergeant	Eufaula, Okla.
ODUM, ANTHONY G.	1169625	Corporal	Conroe, Tex.
PETERS, GEORGE L.	4149925	Corporal	9-11 W. 99th St., New York, N. Y.
PRIMMER, BEN	3300773	Corporal	200 1-2 S. 2nd St., Muskogee, Okla.
TWINE, WILLIAM HENRY, JR.	3300769	Corporal	635 S. 4th St., Muskogee, Okla.
BASS, CARMIE	3317162	Cook	S. Park Del., Merrian, Kans.
BRACKEEN, JOSEPH D.	3300757	Cook	Eufaula, Okla.
MORRIS, LOUIS D.	3303780	Cook	2015 Bourbon St., New Orleans, La.
PAGE, RESWELL	3319642	Cook	Wellington, Mo.
TAYLOR, JOHN	3300691	Cook	Braggs, Okla.
CHILDES, JAMES	1169549	Horse Shoer	611 Calhoun St., Temple, Tex.
JORDAN, EDWARD L.	1169606	Horse Shoer	2809 Glass St., Houston, Tex.
McQUEEN, ARTHUR	3300791	Horse Shoer	Route 1, Atkins, Ark.
HARRISON, LEWIS	2735841	Mechanic	White Plains, Va.
JACKSON, JAMES E.	2735869	Mechanic	2223 Cleveland Pl. N. E., Washington, D. C.
MERRELL, JESSE JAMES	2921410	Mechanic	164 Clinton St., Detroit, Mich.
JOHNSON, HOLIS E.	3300761	Saddler	619 N. 16th St., Muskogee, Okla.
BLANTON, LAWRENCE O.	3320686	Wagoner	400C West St., Hutchinson, Kan.
CAMPBELL, IVORY PEARL	3320621	Wagoner	938 Splitlog Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
DODD, JODIE	1169562	Wagoner	Brenham, Tex.
FOOTE, WILLIAM	1169576	Wagoner	Wharton, Tex.
JOHNSON, LAWRENCE F.	3303792	Wagoner	1631 Saratoga St., New Orleans, La.
OWENS, JESSE	2921610	Wagoner	Hillaboro, Ala.
RICHARDSON, ED. D.	2921432	Wagoner	Sebring, Fla.
SIMPSON, CHARLEY	2921441	Wagoner	Palm Dale, Fla.
CRISP, RALPHEAL W.	3300694	Private First Class	Boynnton, Okla.
KELLEY, FLOYD B.	3300669	Private First Class	Wenton, Mo.
KIRKSY, ROBERT	3301266	Private First Class	Oakdale, La.
McNEAR, MONT C.	4261978	Private First Class	2511 P St., Omaha, Neb.
MITCHELL, KELSO	3301167	Private First Class	Oakville, La.
ROBERTS, WILLIAM F.	3300810	Private First Class	421 Keeley Ave., Bartlesville, Okla.
TAYLOR, FOREST	3319666	Private First Class	Montgomery City, Mo.
WRIGHT, GEORGE	3300750	Private First Class	Wagoner, Okla.
WYATT, JOE	3300790	Private First Class	926 S. Main St., Muskogee, Okla.
ALLEN, CORNELIUS C.	1169517	Private	Brenham, Tex.
ALLEN, OSCAR	1169519	Private	Kenelton, Tex.
ANDERSON, DENNIS J.	3300667	Private	Platte City, Mo.
AUGUSTA, DAVID	3319924	Private	Leland, Miss.
BAILEY, ARTHUR	917187	Private	1019 New Jersey Ave., Kansas City, Kans.
BALLARD, CHINK	3300710	Private	Gibson Station, Okla.
BARNETT, JOSEPH	3300727	Private	Checotah, Okla.
BECKHOM, CHESTER A.	3300745	Private	1816 Dennison St., Muskogee, Okla.
BENTLEY, HARVEY F.	4261096	Private	522 West 8th St., Yankton, S. D.
BENTON, SYLVESTER	3319660	Private	Higginsville, Mo.
BOGGS, WILLIAM H.	4258397	Private	611 1-2 Charlotte St., Kansas City, Mo.
BOOKER, WILLIE	3319876	Private	Rolling Fork, Miss.
BOYD, DAVID	3300815	Private	716 E. 7th St., Coffeyville, Kans.
BOYD, JIMMIE	3319654	Private	Ripley, Miss.
BRIGHT, JESS	3319707	Private	610 N. 1st St., Atchison, Kans.
BRITTENUM, JIM	3300826	Private	Holly Grove, Ark.
BROWN, CLARENCE	3300824	Private	324 1-2 North 2nd St., Muskogee, Okla.
BUTLER, FRANK M.	3320840	Private	1018 Washburn Ave., Topeka, Kans.
CARTER, THOMAS	3303716	Private	498 Walnut St., New Orleans, La.
CLARKE, ELMER B.	3300678	Private	Plattaburg, Mo.
COLFAX, STEPHEN B.	3320709	Private	1012 Lime St., Topeka, Kans.
CRUEL, ED.	3300841	Private	Route 2, Porter, Okla.
DAVIS, ABB	3300724	Private	Tullahoma, Okla.
DAVIS, WILLIAM E.	3300770	Private	903 W. Harris Ave., McAlester, Okla.
De GRAFFENREID, REUBEN E.	3300763	Private	323 45th & Dennison Sts., Muskogee, Okla.
DONNAHUE, DONNIE	1169563	Private	111 Bridge St., Waco, Tex.
DOUGLAS, CHARLEY	3319684	Private	575 Grand Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
DOWNING, JOHN	3319926	Private	Helm, Miss.

EDWARDS, HARRY	3319732	Private	712 N. 1st St., Atchison, Kans.
FIELDS, ABRAM	3302692	Private	Lake Providence, La.
GRAHAM, CLIFTON E.	3320190	Private	Carson, Miss.
GRAY, JAMES A.	3300743	Private	740 Indianapolis Ave., Muskogee, Okla.
GROVES, RALPH E.	4261638	Private	822 N. 23rd St., Omaha, Neb.
HALL, LEON A.	3320745	Private	921 E. 10th St., Topeka, Kan.
HARRIS, SANFORD	3319718	Private	812 Atchison St., Atchison, Kans.
HESTER, CLIFTON	3302585	Private	Royville, La.
HOLMES, HENRY E.	3319677	Private	Wilmington, N. C.
HOWELL, LOUIS	3320804	Private	912 Yuma St., Manhattan, Kans.
IVEY, JAMES	3300783	Private	Stringtown, Okla.
JOHNSON, CLINTON	3319730	Private	Richey, Miss.
JOHNSON, DECATER	3319900	Private	Berthshire, Miss.
JOHNSON, ELBERT	3300716	Private	Wybark, Okla.
JOHNSON, EMILE	3303470	Private	Donaldsonville, La.
JOHNSON, WILLIAM A.	2735893	Private	641 South Carolina Ave., S. E., Washington, D. C.
JONES, ANTHONY	3302660	Private	Lake Providence, La.
JORDAN, CARL	3319667	Private	801 Pacific, Kansas City, Mo.
LOVE, EUGENE	2921596	Private	Verbina, Ala.
LEE, HOWARD G.	2735859	Private	1412 27th St., N. W. Washington, D. C.
LOVEJOY, JOHN	3319722	Private	Route 1, Atchison, Kans.
LUCAS, GEORGE W.	2735866	Private	2427 F. St., N. W. Washington, D. C.
LUCKEY, JAMES E.	3300799	Private	Route 4, Box 60, Stratford, Okla.
McGEE, BEN	3319872	Private	Thru, Miss.
McGOVERN, ENIEL	3302572	Private	Clayton, La.
McNEAL, WILLIAM	3319950	Private	Nitta Yuma, Miss.
MOORE, ARCHIE	3300668	Private	Pittsfield, Ill.
PAYNE, NATHANIEL W.	2921421	Private	903 Jesse St., Jacksonville, Fla.
PERRY, FRANCIS	3319747	Private	Nitta Yuma, Miss.
PINDAR, RICHARD JR.	2921422	Private	491, Sanford, Fla.
POE, HENRY	2921616	Private	Longston, Ala.
RASBERRY, ANDERSON	3319765	Private	Helena, Ark.
REED, JOHNNIE	3319785	Private	Fayette, Miss.
REED, JOHN D.	3300779	Private	Madison, Ark.
ROBERTSON, WADDY	2921624	Private	Huntsville, Ala.
ROSS, WILLIAM F.	3319716	Private	Route 1, Oak Mills, Kan.
ROUNDTREE, GILES	3319737	Private	Route 1, Corning, Kans.
RUSS, MOSES	2921435	Private	Bay Harbor, Fla.
SANDERS, ARTHUR	3302758	Private	East Carroll Parish, Soudheimer, La.
SCOTT, DAVID	3319938	Private	Nitta Yuma, Miss.
SHACKLEFORD, OLLIE	2921627	Private	Covin, Ala.
SIMMONS, CURTIS	3301249	Private	Tillman, La.
SMITH, ALTO	2921442	Private	Marianna, Fla.
SMITH, DAVID	3300688	Private	Route 2, Boynton, Okla.
SOLOMON, D. BAPTIST	3300784	Private	976 Tampora St., Muskogee, Okla.
STEVENS, A. I.	1169654	Private	Route 3, Box 42, Hallettsville, Tex.
STOCKTON, HERBERT V.	3319709	Private	1305 L. St., Atchinson, Kans.
TERRY, TOM JAMES B.	3300707	Private	Salpulpa, Okla.
WALKER, CLARENCE	3319683	Private	Route 6, Box 7, Ripley, Miss.
WATSON, WILLIAM	3300774	Private	404 N. 9th St., Muskogee, Okla.
WEDDINGTON, WALTER	3320740	Private	634 College Ave., Topeka, Kans.
WICKS, JAMES	3300682	Private	931 12th St., Des Moines, Ia.
WOLDRIDGE, HARRY E.	4259450	Private	1229 Michigan St., Kansas City, Mo.
WRIGHT, OLLIE	3319717	Private	Anguilla, Miss.
YOUNG, DAVID	3912026	Private	Pinckney, Ark.

MESSERALL, DEWEY (white)	205693	Ordinance Sergeant	Caledonia, Minn.
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BY MAJOR WALTON I. MITCHELL

ON July 11, 1918, the following order was issued from the office of the camp surgeon, Headquarters Camp Funston, Kansas:

"Office Order No. 11, Par. 1. Captain Walton I. Mitchell, M. R. C., and First Lieut. James E. McManis, M. R. C., Sgt. John S. Grassfield, Jr., Pvts. 1st cl. Carl O. Nordeen and Edgar Malcom, Pvts. Edward C. Colin and Milford Wedel will report for temporary duty July 14, 1918, with the 805th Infantry (colored). Captain Mitchell will take over Infirmary No. 19, receipting for all medical property therein to the surgeon, 530th Engineers' Service Battalion."

All these officers and men had been on duty at Infirmary No. 5, 164th Depot Brigade, Camp Funston, Kansas, for several months, both Capt. Mitchell and Lieut. McManis having been in service for over a year previously. Captain Mitchell was assigned to the Depot Brigade from Company 8, M. O. T. C., Ft. Riley, September 28, 1917, as a 1st lieutenant. He was promoted to a captaincy March 20, 1918. Lieut. McManis came to the Depot Brigade from the 356th Infantry, 89th Division, just previous to the departure of the division overseas.

Sergeant Grassfield and the other members of the enlisted personnel attached by this order had served under Captain Mitchell at Infirmaries 15 and 5, and Sgt. Grassfield had also been in the Brigade Surgeon's office for some time, and was an experienced paper-work man. On August 4, Pvt. 1cl. Nordeen received his warrant as sergeant, and on August 14 Sgt. Grassfield was warranted as sergeant first class.

First Lieut. Arthur F. Schopper, D. R. C., with his enlisted assistant, Pvt. 1cl. Charles M. McWilliams, were attached to the organization at the same time, as dental surgeon and assistant, both coming from Dental Infirmary No. 1, Camp Funston.

On reporting for duty on July 14, at Infirmary No. 19, we found it occupied by the Medical Detachment of the 530th Engineers, and were forced to share the building with them until their departure overseas about two weeks later. At this date we were kept busy examining new recruits, holding sick-call, and slowly attempting to pick out satisfactory material suitable for transfer from the line to the medical department.

On August 12 we succeeded in obtaining twenty-one picked men who were at once put through a thorough course of "drill for sanitary troops," including litter drill, and were the only men of the detachment who received any drill of any kind prior to arrival overseas. Captain Mitchell was definitely assigned as Regimental Surgeon August 12, and Sgts. Grassfield and Nordeen also; and on August 25 Pvts. 1cl. Malcom and Wedel received their permanent assignments. Our final personnel of twenty men had been selected from their qualification cards on file at the Camp Personnel office. Several of them had had more or less medical or pharmaceutical experience, and all of them an education above the average, being mostly high school graduates and university men.

Owing to preparations then in full blast for our movement overseas, these men received practically no instruction of any kind in adequate preparation for their duties until the regiment arrived overseas. But they rapidly assimilated from their companions who had received instruction, and were by no means "rookies." Efforts had been made almost weekly through the camp surgeon to have our full permanent

complement of officers assigned to us, but it was not until August 22, five days before entraining, that a telegram was received from the Adjutant General assigning us from the Medical Officers' Training Camp at Ft. Riley, the following six medical officers: 1st Lieuts. Glen R. Ingram, Earl C. Lightfoot, William J. Lewis, Avery L. Myrick, Amos H. Rhodes, and George A. Rush. All reported on this date, completing the detachment with the exception of two privates, as we were informed by the Surgeon General's Office that the tables of organization did not include any dental officers or assistants. This was bad news, as many of our newly acquired men were sadly in need of dental work, which they did not receive until the following January, when two colored dental officers were assigned from the 92nd Division and remained with the regiment until we arrived at Brest the following May.



The first trains left August 26, carrying us to Camp Upton, New York, the Medical Detachment being split up into sections, under charge of one officer on each separate train. The last train left the night of August 27. En route, Lieut. Lightfoot was taken sick with an acute attack of appendicitis and was transferred to the hospital at Jefferson Barracks, St. Louis, the first of our losses in officers. At Camp Upton, Lieut. Rhodes was left at the camp hospital with a strangulated hernia, for operation, on August 31; and October 4, at Rolampont, France, we lost Lieut. Myrick, transferring him to the camp hospital at Humes with a severe attack of sciatica, from which he never recovered sufficiently to rejoin us. He was discharged in San Francisco after his evacuation to the States.

Owing to a severe epidemic of the Spanish flu at Rolampont, while in the training area, from September 22 to October 1, we temporarily lost Lieut. Ingram. He was transferred to the camp hospital at Humes, but we were all mighty glad to

have him rejoin us at Clermont on October 17, and after that date the hoodoo among the officers seems to have deserted us.

Almost immediately after arriving at Clermont-en-Argonne, on October 2, the regiment was scattered to the four winds, one company to a locality usually, without ambulance facilities of any kind, and with but three medical officers for the entire regiment. It may easily be seen that we had a man's sized job on our hands. Time and again we were forced to transport our sick in open "Nash Quads" a distance of thirty to forty kilometers to the nearest hospital that would receive our patients. The field, mobile and evacuation hospitals close to us were full of the wounded from the front and did not take the sick. Thus while our headquarters remained at Clermont, for a considerable length of time we had to transport our sick to Evacuation Hospital No. 9, at Vaubecourt, thirty-five kilometers from Clermont. The flu epidemic which had hit our Second and Third Battalions so hard at Rolampont, hit the First Battalion soon after its arrival at Clermont, which was eight days after our headquarters, Second and Third Battalions had arrived. With the utterly inadequate number of officers and our lack of transportation, it presented a problem which was partly remedied by our finally having a "G. M. C." ambulance with two white drivers attached to us from Field Hospital No. 116, at Futeau, on October 20. Shortly afterwards we obtained a Ford ambulance, and after the armistice was signed, when transportation was not so badly needed, we drew four Ford ambulances and two "G. M. C." ambulances, which were entirely adequate for our needs, but several lives could probably have been saved had we been supplied with suitable and adequate transportation when it was so badly needed.



MEDICAL DETACHMENT AT CHATEAU DE CHEHERY.

Major Mitchell (near the German '77), Lieut. (later Capt.) King, and Sgt. Nordeen are in front of the line.

Lieut. Jacob S. Goldstein and Lieut. Alton B. Reddick, M. C., arrived October 11 from Camp Hospital No. 27, at Tours, assigned to fill the vacancies caused by the loss of Lieuts. Lightfoot and Rhodes. They were immediately sent to Avocourt and Auzeville, respectively, and thereafter our troubles were small compared to what they had been with but three medical officers to look after the welfare of the entire regiment, scattered over such a wide area.

To the credit of Lieuts. Ingram, Lowis, and Rush, be it said that, coming in as raw rookies almost, after but three weeks of training, fresh from civilian life, they took hold of their duties like old timers, making no mistakes, working hard and faithfully during the days when everything seemed against us. Not a word of complaint came from any of them. They gave the best that was in them at all times; were courteous at all times to officers and men alike, and were loved by all with whom they served.

Lieuts. Goldstein, "Goldie" to all of us, and Reddick were old timers, having been in service at the hospital several months before coming to us, and with the exception of Lieut. Goldstein's aversion to arising before having his breakfast in bed and holding sick-call before 8 A. M., and Lieut. Reddick's pet hobby, solitaire, were always on the job and mighty valuable assets.

Lieut. Rush, with headquarters at Clermont, after Regimental Headquarters were moved to Chatel-Chehery, had undoubtedly the hardest work of any of us, as he made rounds in the ambulance of from four to six companies daily, during all kinds of weather and along all kinds of roads, and also, towards the last of his stay in Clermont, opened up a small six-bed hospital which remained in operation for transient cases until the regiment left for Brest.

The entire Medical Staff has had the full co-operation and assistance of Colonel Humphrey in every way. Co-operation has been the watchword both ways, and every medical officer has aimed to be on his toes, ready and willing to do his bit towards remedying any defects in sanitation as well as keeping the general health of the command in the excellent condition it has been throughout our stay in France. This condition was unexpected in a regiment of troops half of whom were transplanted from sunny southern climes to wet, rainy, muddy, northern France. The rate of venereal diseases was extremely low, being only three-tenths of one per cent (.0035) for several months in succession and often less.

On October 18, when promotions finally arrived from the States, Captain Mitchell received his commission as major. It had reached Camp Funston the day after the regiment left, August 28, and was none the less welcome, if tardy.

A word of appreciation for our non-commissioned officers is in order. Very few medical detachments, be they white or black, have been favored with as earnest, appreciative, and willing workers as the 805th. Our "Top" sgt., "Johnny" Grassfield, has been the pet of the outfit. Everybody knows, likes, and loves "Johnny," the best paper-work man in the detachment, and jack-of-all-trades.

Sgt. Carl Oscar Nordeen, nicknamed Pinky from the roseate hue of his quite prominent aquiline nasal appendage, also called The Big Swede, is about as "hard boiled" as they mak 'em. He had done the bulk of the drilling of the men since we have been concentrated, and has done it well. He's the most military man in the outfit, even salutes in his sleep.

Sgt. Milford Wedel, our registered pharmacist, used to fill the "C. O.'s" prescriptions in civil life in Wichita, Kansas, so he knows the writer too well for him to make any adverse comments.

Sgt. Edgar Malcom, hailing from Tryon, Oklahoma, is there with the goods when it comes to almost everything.



CHATEAU DE CHEHERY

At Chatel-Chehery (Ardennes) France. For six months regimental headquarters of the 805th Pioneer Infantry. The rustic porch was built by the Germans while the chateau was used by them as staff headquarters.

MORE ABOUT THE MEDICOS

BY PVT. 1CL. PERCY YOUNG

OF the states represented, Kansas takes the lead with thirteen men. Missouri sent eleven, Louisiana five, Mississippi six, Oklahoma two, and Indiana one.

After noting the various states represented, it is natural to consider the schools. Pvts. 1cl. Henry Dillard, John E. Lowry, and Percy Young, and Pvt. Homer Thompson are former students of Kansas State University. Pvt. 1cl. Henry Dillard graduated from the School of Pharmacy. Pvt. Homer Thompson, who had the great good fortune to return home soon after the armistice, is now a junior in the School of Pharmacy. Pvt. 1cl. John E. Lowry and Pvt. 1cl. Percy Young are classed as juniors in the School of Arts and Science.

Sgt. Fred K. Rogers completed his premedical course at Kansas State University, and his course in medicine at Illinois University. He was later interne at the City Hospital of Kansas City, Mo. He is a true son of the Sunflower State and is the only colored sgt. in the detachment.

Howard University School of Medicine, which ranks well among other institutions of medicine, is represented by Pvt. 1cl. Louis K. Berger. Pvt. 1cl. Philip B. Johnson was a student of chemistry at Fisk University. The law school of Chicago

University is represented by Pvt. 1cl. Houston Shelton. Pvt. 1cl. Fred D. Wood attended the State University of Nebraska, where he was elected to the Greek fraternity Kappa Alpha Psi. Pvt. Leroy R. Young attended the State Agricultural College of Kansas at Manhattan.

Of the smaller schools and colleges having former students in the detachment are the following: Barton High School of St. Joseph, Mo., of which Alonzo E. Allen is a graduate; Alcorn A. and M. College at Alcorn, Miss., attended by Pvt. Henry Sias; Waldon University, attended by Pvt. Thomas Gray; Western University, Kansas City, Kan., attended by Pvt. George Madison; Washburn College, Topeka, Kan., attended by Pvt. 1cl. Leon Evans; City High School of Muskogee, Okla., attended by Pvt. 1cl. Nicholas N. Smith.

The duties of our men really began upon their arrival at Rolampont, France, September 21. On September 26 a few men were sent to Field Hospital No. 7, at Humes, for instruction in the care of the sick. Those who went were: Pvts. F. Brown, L. Carter, L. Evans, E. R. Nelson, H. Sias, N. N. Smith, F. Wood, L. Young, and P. Young. According to the hospital attendants, there had been little to do until the arrival of the 802nd and 805th Pioneer Infantry Regiments at Rolampont. But from that time until the departure of these regiments for the front, every ward in that large hospital did a capacity business. And at the time of the arrival of the men from the detachment the attendants were well nigh worn out. On October 1 our men were recalled.

The troops were loaded October 2 on trains that were to carry them to the front. And since the Medical Detachment was the last to be provided for, we were forced to ride in a car half filled with ammunition. It was not a pleasant prospect, and some were a little suspicious of such accommodations. When we awoke October 3, in the midst of the flash and boom of cannon, we knew not whether to crouch closer to those boxes of ammunition which had served us as beds, or to bounce out of the car before a bomb came crashing along.

At Clermont-en-Argonne the detachment was again brought together. Those who had been with the "Lost Battalion" had arrived. But within another few days there came another general distribution. Pvts. Alonzo Allen and French Brown, with Lieut. Rush in charge, were on duty with Companies "C" and "H" at Avocourt, which were closest to the firing line. They pitched their pup-tents directly beneath those sausage balloons around which such terrific air battles were sometimes waged. On three different occasions the gas alarm was sounded.

A few days later a detachment of nine enlisted men and one sergeant was sent with Lieut. Lewis on detached service to Aubreville. They were: Pvts. Henry Dillard, Leon Evans, Leonard Fields, Thomas Gray, Fred Rogers, Henry Sias, Fred Wood, Leroy R. Young, and Percy Young.

From Aubreville we were moved to Varennes, a little closer up to the line. Here we remained under the sound of those tremendous guns, in sight of air battles, and exposed to air raids until the armistice was signed. And at Varennes things really happened. This was the huge rail-head that was supplying the troops who were attacking in the Argonne sector. Also there was a large mobile hospital located a dangerously short distance from our camp. Now, on moonlight nights, hospitals and rail-centers were much sought by Boche airplanes.

It was on the night of the 26th, or thereabout, when we received our first taste of bombs spilled from mid-air. About nine o'clock the irregular whirr of a German plane plunged the camp into silence. A few moments later the hills and valleys resounded with the echo of exploding bombs. For the space of an hour there was quiet overhead. But at ten Fritz appeared again, and at eleven he appeared for the last time that night. This same performance was repeated for several nights.

On the night of the last raid we stood outside our tents. Presently a bomb dropped at a distance too short to be safe. One man leaped into a nearby shell-hole, another



Varennes-en-Argonne, retaken from the Germans September 26. This is where Louis XVI was captured at the time of the French revolution, in 1793, while trying to escape from France.

rushed for a dugout, while the rest dived into their tents just as bits of iron went scattering through the trees.

Those were strenuous days at Varennes. Everybody's nerves were keyed to the highest pitch. The continuous roar of the guns, the trembling of the earth, and the incessant humming of passing motor trucks bound for the line kept things in a strained condition. Something had to break. And it did. It was somebody's nerve. As a result, somebody was put on K. P. duty for some trivial matter and was set to peeling great barrels of potatoes. On the night of his third day of duty he awoke the tent with the cry: "I'm not going to peel any more potatoes." When someone was kind enough to wake him from his nightmare, he smiled and dropped off to sleep again. Well, we laughed and we relaxed.

Life seemed to hold neither past nor future. The past had dropped away like a faded vision. As one man put it while we were talking of home one evening: "The past seems like a dream; sometimes I even wonder if I ever had a home."

At Clermont, Pvts. Louis Houston, Sam Hughes, Clyde Jones, Albert Smith, Nicholas Smith, and Henry Sias, under Major Mitchell, were experiencing air raids also.

Late in October the following Pvts.: Louis Berger, Francis Booker, Louis C. Carter, Frank B. Jennings, Tom King, John Lowry, Jeff Turner, George Madison, E. R. Nelson, Houston Shelton, and Julius B. Williams, under Lieut. J. S. Goldstein, M. C., moved from Avocourt to Charpentry. It was while here they were under shell fire.

Pvts. Alonzo Allen, French Brown, Louis Houston, Henry Sias, Nicholas N. Smith, and Homer Thompson were recalled to Clermont-en-Argonne. Pvt. Homer Thompson was later taken sick and removed to the hospital. This was the second attack, the first coming shortly after arriving at Rolampont, France.

By the first of November things became mighty hot; and it began to look as if the Bearcat Regiment was going to be called to the firing line. There was need to have one more sergeant in the detachment. Accordingly, Major Mitchell called in the following privates for examination: Henry Dillard, Leon Evans, Sherman Pearson, Fred Rogers, Henry Sias, Fred Wood, and Percy Young. Alonzo Allen, who had previously been called to Clermont, also took the examination. The highest grade was made by Pvt. Fred Rogers; next highest was made by Pvt. Percy Young. Pvt. Rogers was made sergeant immediately, and eleven privates first class were appointed a few days later.

During the latter part of November and in the early days of December there was another general shifting of the detachment. Headquarters was moved from Clermont-en-Argonne to Chateau de Chehery, and preparations were made for the men to take up winter quarters, though the troops did not know at that time that such was the case. The lieutenants and enlisted men were assigned anew and things soon settled down to a general routine.

With the rain and the snow and the sleet it was a dreary winter, with here and there a ray of sunshine. And the fortunes of the various members of the detachment varied little one from another. Yet it was during this season that some of the men were assigned to the real duties for which they were gathered into the organization; and opportunity for individual effort was given.

At Clermont-en-Argonne, Pvt. 1cl. Nicholas N. Smith, under Lieut. Rush, had charge of the work in the infirmary and prophylactic station. His work in this capacity was creditable. Pvt. Henry Sias was assigned to duty as assistant to Lieut. Brock, D. C. When the former was removed from this work he was proficient in extracting teeth and putting in cement or silver fillings. At Chateau de Chehery Pvt. 1cl. Philip B. Johnson became proficient in his duties as assistant to Lieut. King, D. C. So thorough did Johnson become that, when Lieut. King was transferred



"Helene," one of the big railway guns used by the French who assisted the Americans on the Verdun offensive, beginning September 25, 1918. Near Rarecourt, Meuse, France. September 26, 1918.



VERDUN, FROM AEROPLANE

and became Captain King, Pvt. 1cl. Johnson was transferred with him as his authorized assistant.

Pvt. 1cl. Albert J. Smith became indispensable as an orderly to Major Mitchell. Pvt. Charley Moore also did excellent work as orderly to Lieut. Ingram while on detached service at Dun-sur-Meuse. Pvt. 1cl. Louis K. Berger and Pvt. 1cl. Thomas King did excellent work as mechanics and ambulance drivers. Pvt. 1cl. Sherman Pearson, Pvt. 1cl. Houston Shelton, and Pvt. 1cl. George Madison became members of the Regimental Band, but the latter two discontinued those duties. Pvt. 1cl. Sherman Pearson, however, continued this work, and is considered an expert cornetist.

Pvt. Leroy Young was given the opportunity to practise veterinary surgery at various times. While under the instructions of Lieut. Lowis, Pvt. 1cl. Percy Young gained much useful information. The work of Pvt. 1cl. Henry W. Dillard, who was on detached service with Pvt. Aaron B. Jackson, is worthy of commendation. Pvt. 1cl. John E. Lowry, working under Lieut. Reddick, M. C., was able to render Company "M" of the Third Battalion important services.

Those who served as instructors were Pvt. Louis C. Carter and Pvt. 1cl. Percy Young. The work of Pvt. Louis C. Carter as teacher attracted the attention of his superior officers.

The winter was long, but it could not last forever. When spring came the following men were granted leaves: Pvt. Thomas Gray; Pvt. 1cl. Philip Johnson; Pvt. George Madison; Pvt. 1cl. Albert J. Smith; Pvt. 1cl. Nicholas N. Smith; Pvt. 1cl. Houston Shelton. Upon their return the men told the story of their hospitable reception by the French and of the wonderful scenes in southern France. The common expression was, "It is the most beautiful you ever saw."

We may now consider the losses of the detachment. Since its organization it has lost through death Pvts. Fred Howard and Thomas Griffin. Those lost through illness were: Pvts. Leonard Fields, Homer Thompson, and Henry A. Thomas. Pvts. Harper Johnson, Louis Lamb, and Berman Smallwood never left the States.

The transfer of Pvt. 1cl. Philip B. Johnson has already been noted.

We have learned of the organization of the detachment, and of its work; we now come to the concluding words. It may be said, and without undue presumption, that the morale of this small organization was equal to that of any other organization in the regiment. Disciplinary measures were taken in a few instances, but such was true in every other organization.

These few noncombatants lived the typical life of combatants; sleeping in dug-outs, tramping through mud and rain, and suffering with the others—the inevitable privations of war. And even though there was no chance for advancement, there was on every hand a willingness and determination to do the "bit" that it was necessary to do.

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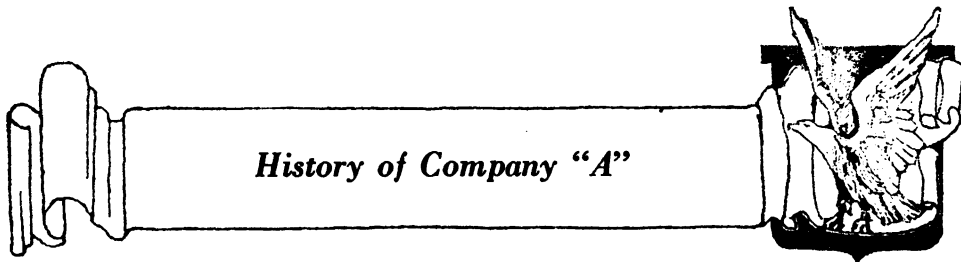
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View of Dun on eastern bank of Meuse River, showing hill which was a strong German defence. Dun-sur-Meuse, Meuse, France. November 8, 1918.



View of the valley of the Aire, showing American soldiers' camp and camp fires early in the morning. Near Apremont, Ardennes, France. October 16, 1918.



History of Company "A"

By FIRST SGT. CLYDE H. ANTHONY

COMPANY "A" became an organization July 1, 1918, at Camp Funston, Kan. It is composed of men drafted from the states of Louisiana and Mississippi, and was first officered by Captain Onan C. Adkins and Lieut. W. W. Locke. On August 20 the company was increased to almost full army strength by men from Missouri and Kansas, its officers then being Lieut. W. L. Schmitz, commanding the company, and Lieuts. P. R. Powell, L. A. Noble, W. W. Locke, and C. T. Morehead.

After a very short training, the company on August 26 was almost fully equipped and ready for service overseas. The organization left Camp Funston August 26, and after several days' traveling arrived at Camp Upton, N. Y. There it was more fully equipped. After a brief stop on September 2 with other members of the First Battalion the company left for foreign service.

Misfortune seemed to be in the path of the company, for after several days of voyaging, developments arose which caused the transport on which the company sailed to be turned around. On September 12 it was back at Quebec, Canada, where the first fatal misfortune fell upon the company: Corp. Lott Goines succumbed to illness from the short voyage out to sea.

With a number taken out as unfit to proceed overseas, the company again set sail with about two hundred men, on Friday, September 13, this in itself being spoken of as an ill omen for the voyage.

On September 25, after a very successful voyage the company was landed in England. It shortly proceeded on to France, where it landed on the night of September 27, at Cherbourg.

From this time on the history of Company "A" is memorable as well as interesting. There still was much distance to cover before the company would be in a position to be of service. From Cherbourg it traveled by rail in "40 Hommes-8 Chevaux" to Rolampont.

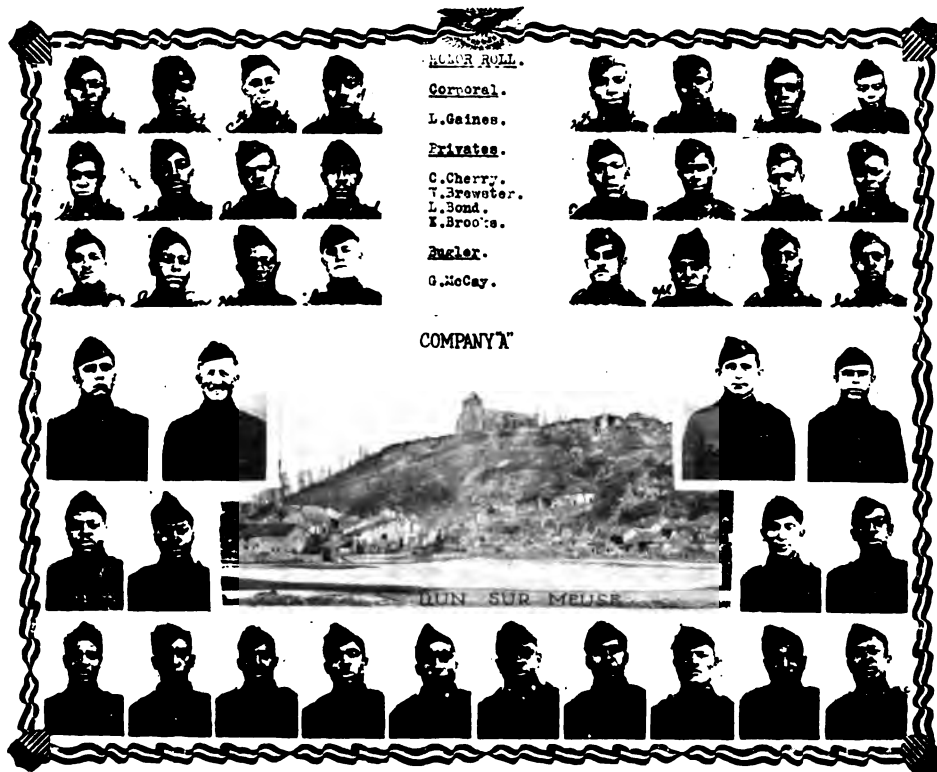
Living in shelter tents was made more miserable by rains which caused a sea of mud. The men being inspired by a sense of duty, no word of grumble came from anyone. In a short time the company was in the Argonne only slightly removed from the fiercest of operations.

Clermont-en-Argonne was the home of the company from early October until November 1. Here was the scene of many thrilling experiences. No one can forget the exhausting climb to the summit of that hill, nor the ensuing days of excitement. Now indeed was no closer touch with actual warfare necessary to impress upon all the seriousness of a soldier's life.

The life in shelter tents was resumed for a time under very bad conditions. Not many kilometers away, heavy barrages sounded nearer, railroad guns roared. Overhead was heard the purring throbs of airplanes, lines of communication flowed with traffic to and from the front. Conjecture then arose as to what the company would do, when one day orders came for the company to report for duty. On that great traffic way north from Clermont, the company toiled laboriously. The work was dangerous and tedious, yet the first lap of that way stands to the company's credit.

Nightly, with cautious care, the men found rest in the darkness and the damp beneath their shelter tents. Several days had passed, the roar of big guns was no unusual thing, and the men were becoming accustomed to the thrill of being behind the lines. Every day brought some new experience. During the early quietness of a beautiful moonlight night on October 21, Fritz produced the thrill which was long to live in the minds of the members of Company "A."

About nine o'clock, when most of the men had gone to their bunks, three thunderous reports broke the stillness of the night. Awakened from their sleep and frightened out of their wits, from the bustle and stir within the barracks, men came forth, stumbling, running, falling into the bright moonlight. Most of them



undressed, some equipped with rifles only, some with gas mask and helmet, some with full pack came bolting from the quarters. There were imprecations and prayers alike upon their lips, half crazed they knew not where they went. Some few preached the folly of going forth as targets, but had a drill been practised and carried on it could not have been more prompt and regular.

The rapid purr of airplanes was heard and shells were bursting overhead.

It all passed as quickly as it came, hearts beat more easily, and slowly the men resumed sleep in their bunks. A small few could not be persuaded from the security of the dug-outs. Again, on the night of October 23, a second part was played by that thrilling actor, Fritz. The fear of the former night's experience still remained with many, yet the raid passed without any serious results.

After several weeks' labor at Clermont the company left Clermont Hill November 3, Captain Arthur Harvey then being in command. With full packs the company

marched toward Varennes. The start was lovely, the afternoon was beautiful, but several hours brought a change; the men grew tired, and the night came cloudy and cold.

With the night a steady rain began to fall, and as the company came into Varennes it was falling heavily. The night was dark, and the men, drenched and chilled, were ordered to pitch tents on the slope of a hill. The grass felt like a river, and everything was wet.

Not many tents were pitched in that gloom, yet all, sleeping upon blankets with shelter tents and overcoats over them, rested for the night. The morning found the company moving farther on. It stopped one night to sleep beside the road, then moved on to quarters in an old building near the road to Apremont. Work on the roads was resumed, and here for three weeks the company aided in keeping up traffic ways. Ere the company moved again the armistice was signed, and with the war's end almost assured, the men felt more cheerful, speculating as to when they would be sent home.

On November 21 the company hiked to Briquenay, a muddy little tornup village in Ardennes. Here the company began salvaging. In this task the work of the company in their area stands against the record of any company in the regiment for a similar period of time. Over those hills and through those woods surrounding Briquenay not one salvageable thing was unfound, unseen, unmoved, from the smallest to the largest article used in war. The expression, "carried them bombs from Briquenay to Senuc" is aptly put. Many burdensome loads were brought from places in the hills through almost impassable roads. On one occasion, after patiently and laboriously ridding the country for miles around of bombs and ammunition and collecting it in a specified place, the company was ordered to carry the entire collection back into the hills and blow it up.

After a time of salvaging came the dangerous work of demolition. Many tons of ammunition was demolished by the company, and many are the marks upon the fields in this area.

December 24 saw the company moving to Senuc to continue in the work of salvaging and demolition. Here the men found quarters in an old chateau, and here it was that life as a soldier took on its brightest hue. The place was a palace, comparatively speaking, and everyone was comfortable. The ensuing days were cheerful and the men were content, though the work was still dangerous and hard. 'Twas very much like home, and with a few conveniences the men lived a very pleasant life. After a time work slackened, and the men were put to drilling. On January 28 the company moved to Dun.

The move to Dun did not, however, have any reference to work of the company being done; seemingly it had only begun. That great dump of everything salvaged from the surrounding miles of country was taken in charge and literally cleaned up. This work, though tiring, was not so hard. Dun proved to be a very interesting place to live in.

The men grew to like it. After a while the days became more pleasant, and as the work was playing out again the men were drilled and given a few days of going to school. It was generally felt that a short time would see them on their way home. Finally, on May 4, with other companies of the 1st Battalion they left for Brest and was soon bound for the U. S. A.

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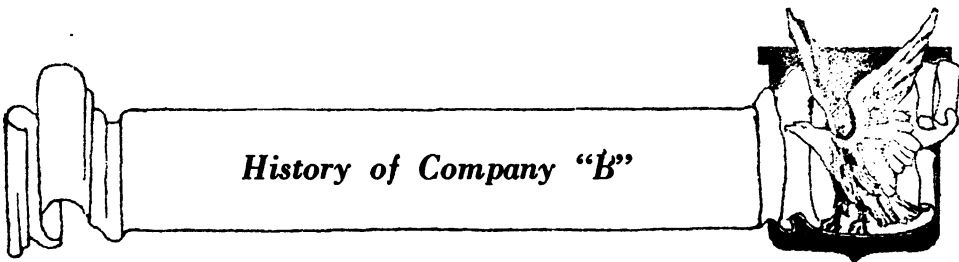
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COMPANY "A" AT DUN-SUR-MEUSE.
Capt. Arthur Harvey (left); Lieutenant Edwin Knudson (right).



History of Company "B"

By FIRST LIEUT. HARRY V. REPLOGLE
and FIRST SGT. THOMAS DAVIS

ABOUT June 15, 1918, 2nd Lieut. Carl F. Cranz received instructions to proceed to Detention Camp No. 2 at Camp Funston. There he was assigned to Company "B", 1st. Prov. Reg. Colored. It was "some" company, for as yet no men had been assigned.

On June 18 many second lieutenants from the third camp were assigned to the Depot Brigade and thence to the 1st. Prov. Reg. Colored. Lieuts. Ingraham and Kingsley were assigned to Company "B." On the 19th the men commenced to pour in by truck loads. Then came the hard work of making out locator cards, etc. for the personnel office. During the next two or three weeks the time was taken up in examinations, physical and psychological, vaccinations, inoculations, etc. It was a problem for the officers, for they had to be 1st sgt., company clerk, mess sgt., and almost everything else in the company.

Lieut. Cranz had some difficulty in getting the men to know what he meant by "fall out," and the first time they were ordered to do so, flat they went on their stomachs. Some men would answer to the last name and some would not answer unless their first names were called, so it was a problem each time the roll was called.

General Wood inspected the regiment several times while at the detention camp. The men were put through an intensive drill schedule preparatory to entering Camp Funston. They were given rifles, and the next morning after were started on the rifle range. Some of the men made very good scores from the start, but the majority had a hard time finding the target. After the men had gone over the course the officers were instructed to pick out the men that they would take into Funston with them. Seventy-five were picked out, twenty of whom were eventually going to be hurried across as replacements.

Early in July orders were out making the First Provisional Regiment the 805th Infantry. We were marched into Funston July 15. From that time on we were very busy with drill schedules.

On July 29 two well dressed soldiers pulled into camp and were assigned to Company "B." They popped into the orderly room like a house afire. It was a relief to find men that were snappy and well dressed. These men turned out to be Thomas Davis and Chester K. Sewell, both from the 25th Infantry. Both later were made sergeants, and Sgt. Davis was made 1st sergeant.

Lieut. Garrison (later made captain) and Lieut. Taubert, and Freed and Lieut. Wm. H. Brooks were later assigned to the company. Lieut. Garrison was in command.

The rest of the story is well told by 1st Sgt. Davis:

Our company left Camp Funston at 9:30 p. m., on August 26, 1918, arriving at Kansas City at 4:30 a. m., August 27. We left Kansas City two hours later, arriving in Moberly, Mo., at 11:00 a. m., the same day. We were taken off the train and taken on a hike through the city. At the city square we were served by the colored Red Cross.

Leaving Moberly, our next stop was at Springfield, Ill., but we did not get

off at this place. Our next stop was at Peru, Ind., on the morning of August 28. We traveled through a part of Ohio and then into Michigan, stopping at Detroit about 12 noon.

Leaving the train, we boarded a ferry and went across the Detroit river and debarked at Windsor, Canada. We were taken on a march through the city. The people of Windsor were enthusiastic, cheering us on our march. After the march we again boarded the train. We left Windsor at 6:00 P. M., and on the morning of the 29th we were at Niagara Falls on the Canadian side. We had a look at the falls and, boarding the train, we came back into the U. S., making our first stop about 4:30 P. M., at Sayre, Penn.



We left our train and had a swim in the Susquehanna River. Leaving Sayre, we passed over a range of mountains, and the morning of the 30th found us at Jersey City, N. J. We boarded a large ferry and crossed Long Island Sound and had a view of the Statue of Liberty. We landed in Brooklyn and boarded another train for Camp Upton. We arrived at Camp Upton at about 2:00 o'clock, staying there that night, the 30th, and the night of the 31st.

We left Camp Upton on September 1, and made our first stop at Hartford, Conn., thence to Springfield, Mass., thence through a portion of New Hampshire. Our third stop was made at Brattleboro, Vermont. The morning of the second found us at Montreal, Canada, where we were checked onto the boat.

We sailed out of Montreal for Quebec, where we waited for the rest of the convoy. After the convoy was ready we started for France. We were several days out



A view which gives an idea of the congestion of the roads leading to the front.
Malancourt, Meuse, France. September 28, 1918.



Near Grandpre in valley of Aire, Anti-Aircraft shrapnel bursts. Here the French Army
ceased and the American Army began. Senuc, Ardennes, France. October 29, 1918.

when we were turned back for some unknown reason and debarked at Quebec on the 13th, and embarked on H. M. S. Novara.

We sailed along with fifteen other ships. Icebergs were sighted. On the morning of the twentieth, we were in the danger zone. Here we were met by destroyers and later by a few aeroplanes.

We landed at Tilbury Docks the morning of the twenty-fifth and debarked on the morning of the 26th. Boarding one of the funny looking trains, we were taken to Romsey, England. Here we staid for the night and left in the morning for Southampton, where we boarded the Archangel, and the morning of the twenty-ninth found us at Cherbourg.

We remained here for a few days and then boarded the train for Rolampont, where we were issued ammunition and more rifles and pistols.

We arrived at Clermont October 10, stayed there one day, and left the next day for Locheres. For a short time we were in pup tents and lost a number of our men from sickness. We then moved back a little way and were billeted in some old German shacks which we found up in the forest. On the twenty-eighth Lieut. P. V. Freed was transferred to Company "C" and Lieut. Replogle was assigned to Company "B."

We left Locheres November 3, for Varennes. Here we staid till the twenty-first, when we moved to Chevieres.

We found things more comfortable at this place, as we were able to have fires in our rooms. There were German officers' barracks, built during 1914. This place was entirely destroyed but for the barracks. We policed up for a day or so, then started salvaging.

The area we were assigned to covered approximately ten square kilometers. It was a big job and gave us an idea of what the cost of war was. Our time was taken up entirely with salvaging. Sunday was no holiday. Later we had time for a little drill and athletics. Lieut. Kingsley organized a football team. The first game was with the 316th Engineers, and the score was 40 to 0 in our favor.

The next Sunday we were to play Company "C," but for some reason or other we did not connect. We played them later, however, and the score was tied at 15 to 15. The next game we played with the 807th, and the score was again tied at 30 to 30. We played the 807th the following Sunday and were defeated 12 to 6.

About the end of the month Lieut. Taubert took two platoons over to Senuc, and Lieut. Cranz also was with him. Captain Garrison was relieved January 30, and Lieut. Replogle assumed command.

The entire company was soon moved to Senuc, as the quarters were far better, and our work took us over to that section of the country. We worked at the dump at Grand-Pre and cleaned it up. Then work slackened and we were given a good bit of drill.

On February 12, 2nd Lieut. J. S. Knight joined the company and was placed in command of the third platoon. Later he was transferred to Company "H" of this regiment, much to the regret of the entire company.

Our stay at Senuc was appreciated by all officers and men, and we were all glad that we were left at this place till orders came to move to where we joined the rest of the Battalion.

We left Dun May 5, arrived at Brest on the seventh, and were billeted in area nine. We were later moved to area six and assigned to Dun duty with the Fuel and Forage Department.

While we did not have to go over the top, our work was enough to keep us busy thinking. At Clermont we had a few night raids by the Boche planes, and it was considered decidedly unhealthy outside the dugouts.

In later years we will all look back and be glad that we had a chance to do our little bit for Uncle Sam.

Sgt. Turner will always be remembered by the entire company as the good-natured Supply Sgt., and we will always remember the cooks well, for without them things would have been pretty tough at times.

The officers will remember and appreciate the way all of the N. C. O.'s and men have worked for them, and I know they all wish them the best of luck when they get back to civilian life.

Most of this history has been taken from the notes of Sgt. Davis, and we are indebted to him in more ways than one. By his hard work, and the work of the other N. C. O.'s of the company, the men were able to grasp what the officers tried hard to teach them.

COMPANY "B"

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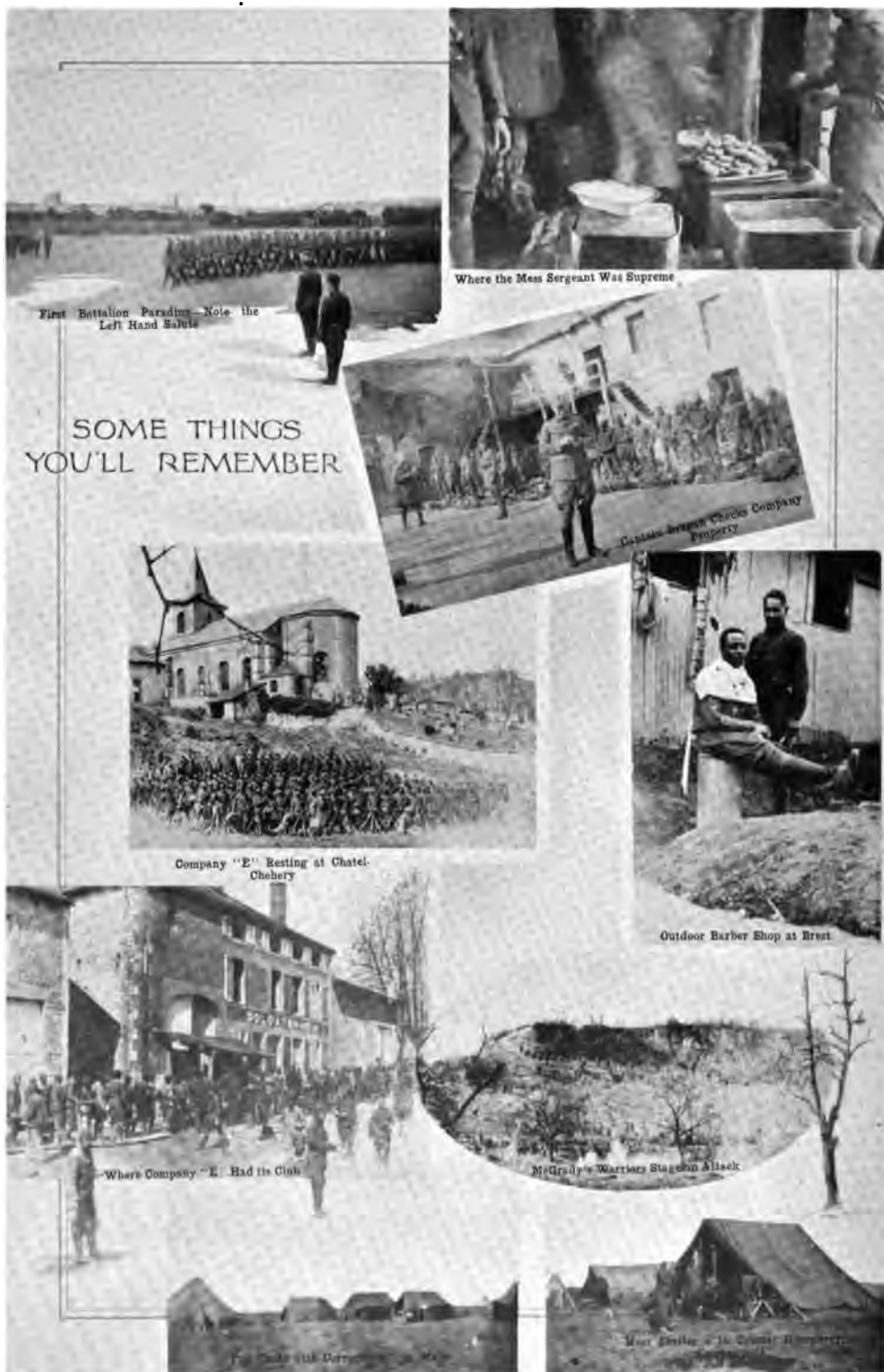
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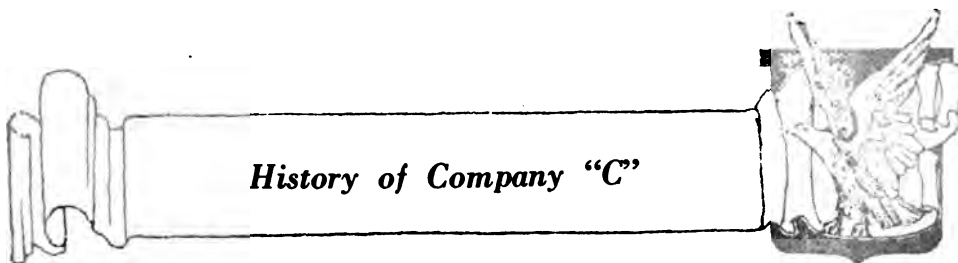
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SIMMONS, MACK	1872631	Private	Mt. Holly, S. C.
SIMMS, PAUL	4234655	Private	Microv, N. C.
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The little village in the exact center of the picture is La Forge. In the upper left hand corner is Chateau de Chehery. The town in the foreground is Chatel-Chehery. The tall building just below La Forge is the Chatel-Chehery railroad station from which many 805th troops left this area May 2, 1919.





History of Company "C"

By CORPORAL WILLIAM W. FRAZIER

ORGANIZATION of Company "C" was begun at Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, Kansas, with an assignment from the receiving station, 164th Depot Brigade, consisting of 249 men. It was then known as Company "C," 3rd Provisional Regiment. First Lieut. Ira M. Snoffer was in command of the temporary organization. To him much credit is due for his untiring efforts in dealing with his men justly during their crude state as recruits. He was admired by every one who came under his command for his fairness. This caused all to work in harmony and created a friendly competition that made "Excelsior" the motto. This has been the slogan since the organization's infancy.

After the required time (twenty-one days at the detention camp), under medical, physical, and psychological treatments and tests for military fitness, the organization commander was ordered to recommend fifty-four men with an attachment of twenty men to be taken to Camp Funston for the purpose of making permanent an organization of Company "C." It was during this time that our commander was transferred from the intended unit, 805th Infantry, to the sister unit, the 806th Infantry, then organizing.

The selected men of the then Company "C," 3rd Provisional Regiment, marched from Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, Kan., to Camp Funston, Kan., on the morning of July 15, 1918. On this date the organization was made permanent and was known thereafter as Company "C," 805th Infantry. This new Company "C," though small in number, yet daring and ambitious, had only two officers at this time, 1st Lieut. Harry V. Replogle, who commanded the company during its origin, and 2nd Lieut. Walden P. Hobbs, who had been with the organization since it was provisionally formed.

Vim and vigor characterized every man, and the work was executed with a snap, yes, "pep" was in every man. These excellent officers proved their military skill by stimulating their men with timely lectures which in a few weeks made Company "C" one of the best drilled and disciplined companies of the regiment.

The War Department, on or about July 30, 1918, transferred from the 25th Infantry (Regular Army) twenty-five men to be distributed among the companies of the 805th Regiment, of whom Company "C"'s share was two: Pvt. 1cl. William L. Lucas and Pvt. Joseph Booher, both of whom have done untold good by instilling into the selected men military tact, discipline, and order. Both attained for themselves higher rank as sergeants.

The twenty "attached" men of Company "C" were transferred to a provisional company which was designated as a replacement unit, and about the same time seventy-five men were transferred to Company "C" from Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, Kan. The company thereafter was given officers and men by transfer until the strength had reached six officers and 221 men.

Every man gaily sung the anthems which aroused most his war-like spirit and felt that he would willingly pay the supreme sacrifice for the loved ones at home and for true Democracy.

At last orders for movement came, and Company "C" left Camp Funston, Kan., under the command of Captain E. G. Dick, August 26, 1918, and arrived at Camp Upton, N. Y., August 30, 1918. Here the company received its overseas quartermaster equipment and left Camp Upton September 1, 1918, for Montreal, Canada, arriving there September 2, 1918. Here the company embarked with Companies "A," "B," and "D," the other organizations which constituted the First Battalion of the 805th Regiment. We embarked aboard H. M. S. Haverford and sailed from Montreal, Canada, September 2, 1918.



Everybody was in high spirits as the Haverford coasted her way down the St. Lawrence river. After four days at sea, engine troubles developed, which compelled the Haverford to put back to port, and on September 10, 1918, she arrived at Quebec, Canada, Company "C" together with Companies "A," "B," and "D," was transferred from H. M. S. Haverford to H. M. S. Navara. Captain T. A. Immell, who was commanding Company "D," of the First Battalion, by virtue of seniority, was commanding officer of troops aboard the vessel, and 1st Lieut. Howard C. Mayberry was temporarily placed in command of Company "D." We sailed from Quebec on Friday, September 13, 1918. Without any serious difficulties we arrived at Tilbury docks, England, September 25, and because of railway complications, the organizations were compelled to remain in docks until the morning of the 26th, when the company left the Tilbury docks for Romsey, England.

In the suburbs of Romsey was a rest camp where the company remained over night, and beginning early the next morning, September 27, Company "C," to-

gether with companies "A," "B" and "D," experienced its first hike of a distance of about 12 kilometers—from Romsey to Southampton, England. Here the company boarded the Channel transport, Archangel, on the night of September 28, arriving at Cherbourg, France, on the morning of September 29.

The people all along showed every welcome possible, and the cities exhibited very much the scarcity of man-power. The company entrained at Cherbourg, France, September 30, for Rolampont, France, arriving on the morning of October 4. Here the organization received new supplies and took the "gas" test. At this time and point things looked very gloomy, but in spite of that fact, everybody was in good spirits. On October 8, the company entrained at Rolampont for Clermont-en-Argonne, arriving there October 10. This point being the active American sector, the roar of artillery was continuous.

The company left Clermont-en-Argonne October 12, and marched to Locheres, a distance of six kilometers. It was here that the company tasted some real warfare but stood the test as men. On October 13, while at Locheres, Pvt. William Whittaker, of Company "C," was wounded by an enemy's bullet which was thought to have come from an enemy airplane. The ambulance was summoned and the patient was hurried to a base hospital. After an interval of a few months he was able to return to the company. It was here that the company was assigned to duty with the 23rd Engineers.

Here the company engaged in work in which the majority of its men had little or no experience, and probably far different from what they had expected. But in spite of their determination to do their bit by going into the trenches, they disregarded the nature of the work and got pleasure out of the thought that it was done for the sake of humanity.

On October 25, the company hiked from Locheres a distance of eight kilometers and was billeted in dug-outs west of Boureuilles-en-Argonne. It was this sector that the French regarded as being hopeless. For centuries to come signs of ruin will still be exhibited, but the daring Americans accomplished the impossible and put the enemy to flight, marking one of the great turning points of the war.

It was during the company's stay in this vicinity that they experienced frequent visits of "Fritz and Jerry," the enemy's airplanes.

On October 27, the company hiked to Very, France, where the company exhibited some of the skill it had acquired from the 23rd Engineers. The roads were put in excellent condition and this of course helped the First Army to render the decisive blow which terminated in the armistice of November 11.

The company was frequently visited by Colonel Humphrey who spoke very highly of the good work done by it.

On November 21, 1918, the company hiked from Very to La Forge (Chatel-Chehery). It was during this time that Captain E. G. Dick was relieved and 1st Lieut. Baily A. Radford assumed command.

Here the company engaged in salvage and demolition.

Captain Thomas A. Immell took command January 24, 1919, coming from duties as commander of the Second Battalion.

He and his staff of officers put forth every possible effort in making Company "C" an ideal military organization.

The company moved by trucks from La Forge to Brieuilles-sur-Meuse on January 28, taking charge of a railroad located there. Here great credit was given the company by the district commander, Colonel Chapman, for the way the railroad was handled.

The company left Brieuilles-sur-Meuse May 4, and arrived at Brest, Finistere, France, May 7.

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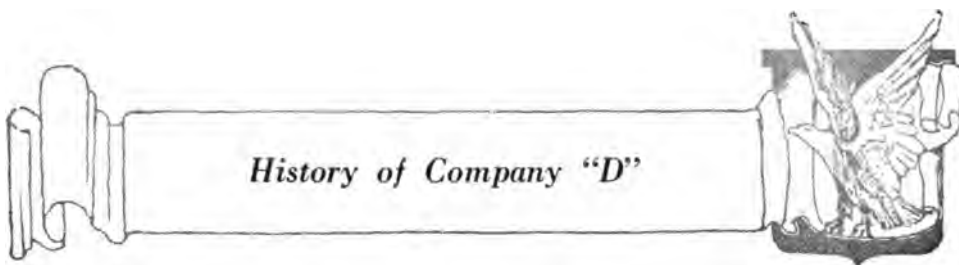
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COMPANY "C" AT BRIEULLES-SUR-MEUSE.
First Sgt. Lucas in foreground.



By CORPORAL HENRY L. ROBINSON

FIRST let me apologize, for I keenly feel my inability as a writer, but not knowing how to say "no," I accepted the honor thrust upon me by my comrades.

It was a wonderful night, August 25, 1918, when we departed from Camp Funston, on our way to take our part in helping to shape the destiny of nations. We left Camp Funston via the Union Pacific at 1:40 A. M., arriving in Kansas City at 8:00 A. M., where we were met by friends and relatives. In fact it seemed as though all of Kansas City was there to give us a real American send-off. Leaving over the Wabash, we arrived in Moberly, Mo., where we paraded, and were served by the colored citizens of that town. Continuing our journey we arrived in Detroit, where we crossed into Canada by ferry. The following morning we visited Niagara Falls on the Canadian side, there taking the Lehigh Valley, which brought us into New York.

We arrived in Camp Upton in the afternoon of August 30, 1918, where we found everything and every one in a rush. It was hustle from the word go. We were outfitted with new uniforms, shoes, in fact everything that a soldier needs. Mosquitoes were plentiful; they made one think that they were Pro-German the way they would charge constantly, day and night. Well, we laid a barrage of smoke on them and that about defeated them. Then order was passed around: "All fires out." Sure was some sad bunch.

September 1st we started for somewhere, and on the following morning we found ourselves in dear old Montreal, Canada. That same morning we boarded H. M. S. Haverford and were given two postal cards to mail in Montreal, telling our loved ones at home that we had arrived safely *over seas*. What we tried to understand was, Why mail them in Montreal? Well, we found out later—so that the enemy would not know where we were. About noon the same day the famous Haverford pulled in her gang plank, and moved silently out into the St. Lawrence river. I said silently, but can not back up that statement as I was unconscious of what was going on around me—still trying to dope out about those postal cards. The following morning we found ourselves in the outer harbor of Quebec. Every one was happy and full of pep, wild to get to France for one crack at the Hun.

Leaving Quebec we passed into the Gulf of St. Lawrence. My, but that Gulf surely started in upsetting many a good party. The sharks and sea gulls followed us all the way out to sea, and back to Quebec. Of course no doubt you are wondering how we got back to Quebec. Well, after going out to sea about 900 miles we got lost from our convoy, and returned there, boarding H. M. S. Navara and leaving Quebec a second time on Friday, September 13. Of course you can imagine what every one thought about that date. But nevertheless, on September 23 we arrived at Tilbury Docks, England, on the outskirts of the great city of London, where we received the news that we would have to stay on the boat, as there was a railroad strike on in the land. King George sent us all a letter telling us how glad he was that we came over. We were served by the Red Cross while aboard ship.

We boarded a train September 25, and started for Camp Romsey, England, a rest camp. Upon arrival we were informed by previous service soldiers at that camp that chow was slim, which we found out to be a fact. The bill of fare for supper was bread, jam, and tea. But our officers knew about what they call emergency rations, so we got a good meal, the best we had had for a long, long time. It was a hard night's rest at the rest camp and two blankets and a hardwood floor to sleep on. My, how we wished we had smuggled our hammocks off the boat so we could get off the floor and escape the cold, chilly air that was coming under out tents.



Bright and early on the morning of September 28, we received our iron rations—bully beef and hardtack—and marched out of Camp Romsey on our way to Southampton, a distance of eight miles. Before we arrived there with full packs it seemed as though it were eighty-eight miles. We stopped at Manchester for lunch, and were wonderfully served by that mother to us all, the Red Cross.

Harry Allen, who at that time was corporal, kept the spirits of the boys at a high pitch with his songs, also ours. The song hits of Company "D" at that time were "Takes a Hard Fight to Whip the Kaiser," and "Didn't he Ramble," also "Pack up Your Troubles in Your Old Kit Bag and Smile, Smile." During the singing the feet of our beloved Sgt. Gooch ran hot, and his pack rode him like a nightmare. He sent out a S. O. S. and after a consultation by the non-coms yours truly, Buck Pvt. Robinson, whose pack was comfortably sitting on a truck, was detailed to carry his pack until relieved, which was on the boat that took us



Gun firing at two Germans who were attempting to set up a machine gun on the road to Champigneulle, 305th Machine Gun Battalion, 78th Division. St. Juvin, Ardennes, France. November 1, 1918.



Battery "A," 108th Field Artillery, in action, firing toward Chatel Chehery, Ardennes. This battery was under the fire of the enemy gas shells when this picture was taken. 108th Field Artillery. Varennes-en-Argonne, Meuse, France. October 3, 1918.

out of England, and into France. Had no kick coming, though; had no business being a buck.

Well, we arrived in Southampton, in the language of the army we will say "on or about" 4:45 P. M., where we boarded a Channel transport, and crossed the English Channel, arriving the following morning in Cherbourg, France. Right here I am forced to make a note. A detail was gathered to go with a truck, to protect company property. The word was passed on that "it's a five-mile hike." Every one fell out in a company front for the detail. Well, we all arrived in camp O. K., were conducted to our apartments and given two more blankets. About 2:00 A. M. the thermometer dropped about 88 degrees. It was impossible to linger in the apartments any longer, so everyone was up doing the marathon around the camp; but as usual, some one cracks wise, and that way the kitchen was discovered. Most of Company "D" spent the night there, the next day we were moved from the lowlands of said camp to the highlands. Everything was all right until Sunday afternoon, October 3, when a storm which resembled a Kansas cyclone blew tents down, and we found ourselves under the dripping canopy of the heavens. After considerable work we managed to get under shelter about night-fall, only to have that same storm repeat the performance. We gave the tents "as you were" and went to bed.

Left Cherbourg October 4 by way of "side door Pullman" for Rolampont. Each car had the following printed on its sides; "Chevaux (meaning horses) 8" and "Hommes (meaning men) 40." So you can see we came all the way to France to ride palace horse cars. Again and again the Red Cross did their wonderful work for us all. Arriving in Rolampont we set up our shelter halves, better known to the boys as "pup" tents. This was our first time living in them. There is an art of getting in or out, rather hard for beginners. But after learning the combination, it comes easy. You go in by counts the same as you do when taking shooting exercises in the prone position. In the words of our own Napoleon, "very simple."

We were a busy bunch there—got some more new clothes, had "gas" by the numbers, met a couple of soldiers just from the front, who entertained us with how many Huns they killed, and at the same time introducing the most noted animal in captivity, the "cootie." It was here that Pvt. Hugh Henton, former hotel man in the U. S. A., made his reputation as head waiter. It was the story of Hugh that made Pvt. Fred Straughter, of Moberly, Mo., shoot at what he thought was—a Hun submarine. Well, any way, that just goes to show that he knew his 12th General Order.

Midnight, October 8, found us leaving Rolampont via side door Pullman, on our way to Clermont-en-Argonne. We arrived at said town about 7:30 A. M. We were now three miles from the firing line. Of course we could hear the roar of the cannon, and everywhere the sky was full of air-men. No other excitement, until we started up a hill about 45 degrees with full packs. The blues were written in Memphis, but say, you should have heard them sung that morning. Some more pup tents—the barracks were just too full of pets to sleep in. Well, that night Sgt. Harry Allen yelled "gas." Some of the boys had let their gas masks stray from them, and it was a fight for life, some one wanted to go fifty-fifty, but nothing doing. I beg your pardon: date of arrival in Clermont October 10, 1918.

October 12 we departed for a little town that the Germans wiped off the map, called Neuville. We were assigned to the 23rd Engineers and the whole company went in for road work. It was here we realized what a wonderful thing a sick book is, but after a lecture by our officers, it was not long before every man, sick or well, who was able to go, was on his toes, to do his part in helping win the war.

"Fritz" took a notion that he should pay us a visit, so one beautiful moonlight night he paid us one, and my, how he made things hum. In those days lights were put out at nightfall. Corp. Willie Jones and Pvt. Thomas Freeman were peacefully asleep with their house on fire and "Fritz" dropping bombs all around us. The fire was discovered by Captain Immell, who saved them from being burned to death, and our camp from being a direct target for the enemy. He then called Pvt. Straughter to tell everyone to put on his gas mask and lie close to the ground.

The first part of the order was all right, but the latter was not necessary, as there was only a straw between us and the ground. The first one to leave home was Sgt. Dudley, then Sgt. Goodwin. Corp. Anderson brought up a mean third, but say, why? O why? weren't you there to see Sgt. Allen bring up the rear? The wire entanglements saved him from being A. W. O. L. Sgt. Sims of the 25th did not run, in fact he broke all records for not breathing. Just could not move. Lieut. Mayberry used force and everything to get Sgt. Wright from under his bed, but nothing doing. Of course Wright lived in a dugout. Well, it got so common that everybody rested at ease when Fritz came over.

Colonel Humphrey gave us many nice talks while there: each rock we put in was a sack of sugar to the front, a can of dear old bully beef and hardtack. We sent it abundantly. Corp. Harry Madison and Pvt. Oscar Richardson were put in charge of the tool house. And, just think, right next to the 339th L. B. They both proved to be good policemen. 'Nuff said!

It was at this town that our new Captain Frank D. Moses made a famous remark about 5:15 A. M. "You corporal get those men out, or I'll get you." On October 31, Company "D" moved to Aubreville, where we spent five days in Hotel De Barn, the best we could get in that city; but still we had no kick coming, for long before then we found out that the war was all Old Sherman said it was.

November 4 found us in a little town called Charpentry. At this place we did fast work keeping lines of communication open. Trucks with supplies for the front were always on the move. We were here November 11, when the armistice was signed. It was a wonderful night, every one was wild with joy because Uncle Sam's boys had brought home the bacon.

November 21 we moved to Chatel-Chehery in the Argonne forest. This is where we first met Old Man Salvage. Well, we policed up the old woods. In this town we had the pleasure of seeing a one-man detail drilled by our Colonel. "Bout face! My gracious, just as bad in back as you are in front. Forward, march! Report to your Captain."

We also had a few promotions. In this town Fred A. Cook was made supply sergeant, officially known as the dope man, always dealing in the latest despatches.

On February 10 we moved to Briulles-sur-Meuse. We stayed nine days, then went to Mouzon-en-Ardenne, spent our first night in the church. The following day we moved into a castle said to be 400 years old. It was here we came in close touch with old Generals Vin Rouge and Blanc.

On April 22 we moved to Dun-sur-Meuse and some set out for Brest.

It would be an injustice to close this chapter without saying a word about the kindness of our officers. Captain Moses, who was with us the greater part of our time in France, has won a place in the heart of every man in the company. So has Lieut. H. C. Mayberry. Just as is said of his state, "Old Kentucky," we find him a thoroughbred. We had two lieutenants from the Sunflower State of Kansas—Lieuts. Walter D. Steinhauer and Raymond F. Olinger. We like them all for their fairness toward us, and never tiring efforts in making everything as pleasant as possible. Lieut. Parmer was away from us quite some time—but shall not be forgotten.

Well, here's good luck to all of you—hope to meet all again.

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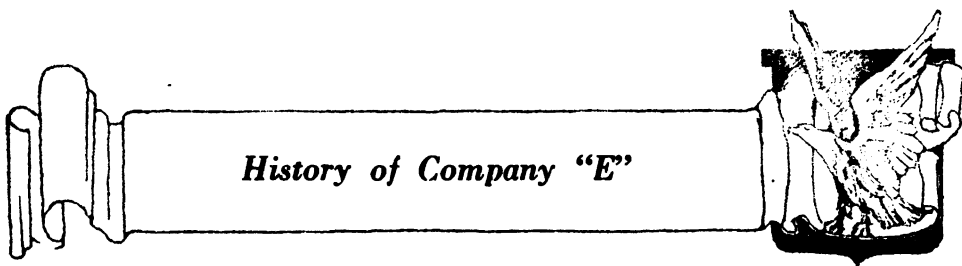
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COMPANY "D" AT MOUZON (just south of Sedan).
At the extreme right are Capt. Frank Moses and Lieut. Raymond Olinger.



History of Company "E"

By FIRST LIEUT. ORLIE E. OOLEY

WHEN in the course of a nation's existence it becomes necessary to take up arms in defence of rights or principles, that defence often calls into service many types and colors of citizens. This was the case when the United States declared war on the German Empire and set about getting together a cosmopolitan army to defend the rights of Democracy and Humanity.

At three A. M., June 21, in the year of Our Lord nineteen hundred and eighteen, the calm and peaceful repose of Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, Kan., was broken by the arrival of a multitude of motor trucks bearing an overload of men direct from the receiving station at Camp Funston. On their arrival at Detention Camp No. 2, they were unceremoniously unloaded and turned over to officers awaiting their arrival.

They appeared in partial deshabille. Some had their shoes laced, some had not, others had not had time to put on leggings or coats, for still fresh on their minds was the receiving station refrain: "You can't stop here," and "One on and one in your bag." Two hundred and fifty-one of these rookies were turned over to 2nd Lieut. Orlie Ooley, to be later turned into soldiers for overseas service.

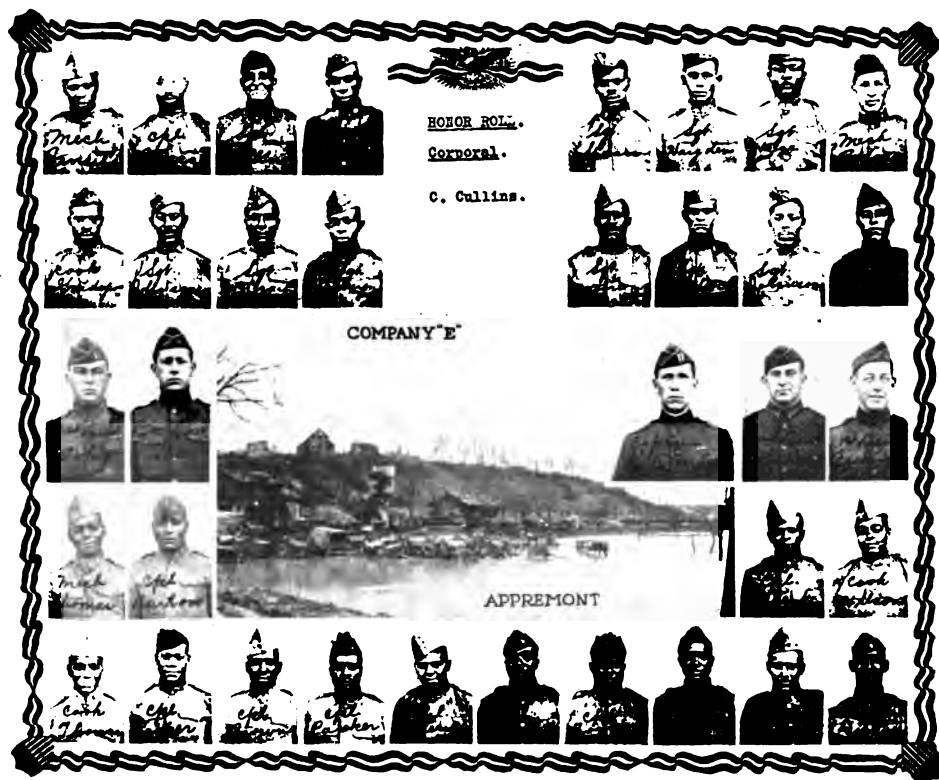
The first thing was to get a kitchen force. So, as the different groups arrived, they were asked, "Can you cook?" Many could, and these were at once put into the kitchen to prepare breakfast, the others were shown their tents, and cots were drawn.

June 22 brought 2nd Lieuts. W.F. Hubbard and H. E. Hemstreet. The men were sized and formed into temporary squads, and their initiation into the mysteries of soldier life began in earnest. They were taught to distinguish between their left and right hands and feet; also to keep step. The Articles of War were also read, which, as one man put it, means "As the court-martial may direct."

The companies were formed and lettered and came to be known as the First Provisional Colored Regiment. This designation lasted until July 15, when the entire regiment moved into barracks in Camp Funston and became the 805th Pioneer Infantry, and soon after came under the command of Colonel Chauncey B. Humphrey. The drill and other exercises and duties became more systematized and assumed definite shape. The men of Company "E" had great pride in their company and always tried to do their best. It became quite common on parades to have the reviewing officer pass favorable comments on their good appearance and alignment in march. Company "E" had the distinction of giving a special exhibition of their proficiency before General Leonard Wood on their drill ground on August 8, 1918. Their work was pronounced good by the General and in the presence of the Battalion Commander, Major John E. Creed. The proficiency of the different individuals was constantly watched and the best selected as acting non-commissioned officers. This company soon developed a fairly proficient non-com. staff, with Pvt. George Fisher as 1st sergeant and Pvts. W. Hare, William Haney, and William Moore as sergeants, with Pvt. M. White as mess sergeant. On August 10 many new officers were assigned to the regiment from the 164th Depot

Brigade. Company "E" was given Captain James R. McCabe, 1st Lieuts. Frank D. Preston and John F. Farrington and 2nd Lieut. Walter Steinhauer. Lieut. Preston was attached to Regimental Headquarters. The work took on the nature of combat drill and field manoeuvres, with hikes and assumed attacks.

August 25 is a momentous date in the history and lives of the men of Company "E," for that was the day that we received the orders, long expected, to go overseas. To some it seemed their final call, for they did not have the least hope or idea of ever seeing their home or friends again, and the parting was hard. Some laughed, some sang, and some prayed. We entrained August 27.



The trip to Camp Upton was pleasing as to weather conditions and interesting as to scenery. The troops were cheered as they passed through the towns and cities. The Red Cross workers distributed hot coffee, candy, and tobacco to the men as we passed along. The troops from our train were taken for a march in Niagara and saw the Falls from the Canadian side.

The brief stay in Camp Upton was a very busy one. Here the men were equipped with final issues of clothing and ordnance. Passenger lists were made out, and other paper work necessary and incidental to the embarkation of the troops finished. Some of the officers worked continuously for eighteen hours.

We entrained again September 1, at 2:00 A. M., for Quebec, Canada. The trip through New England was very interesting and pleasant. Quebec was reached about nine o'clock, September 3, and we went aboard the transport "Saxonia" at 11:00 A. M. Some of the men got "religion" as soon as their feet left the soil



Company "C" Attends Mass at Graves
of "Lost Battalion" Heroes



Argonne

THE CROSSES OF THE DEAD

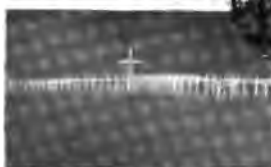
THE BODIES OF THE AMERICAN
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ROMAGNE



American Graves Near Chateau
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When the Aisne River Rises



Glimmering in the Moonlight



More Argonne Graves.



At the Station Near Chatel Chabry

of Canada and retained an attitude of prayerful expectation until we landed after an uneventful voyage at Liverpool, England, on September 16.

We crossed the island to the port of Southampton, where we again halted for a brief respite and to make more passenger lists, etc. The crossing of the Channel followed, and we landed on the Continent at the port of LeHavre, France, September 21, 1918. The Second and Third Battalions went into camp outside the port of Havre for a short rest; the First Battalion had not been heard from since leaving the States.

We entrained again September 23, and arrived at Rolampont, Haute-Marne, where we detrained and spent a most miserable period from September 25 till October 1. The men pitched pup-tents on the rain-soaked fields, and slept in them with nothing but a blanket between them and the ground. Officers fared little better, their billets being stables, servants' quarters, garrets, and any place they were fortunate enough to find. The time here was spent in officers' meetings and a few drills in accelerated cadence for the men. Gas masks were issued and lectures were given as to their use and application.

The regiment moved to Clermont-en-Argonne and was distributed over the area occupied by the First Army, and was attached to the Engineers for road work. Companies "E" and "F" were sent to Auzeville, a small village near Clermont, to work on a railhead. The camp was a poor one, and many men were sent to the hospital with dysentery or fever.

It was also at Auzeville that Company "E" received its introduction to "Jerry," as the German airmen were called. Here also they could hear the big guns on the front, some twelve kilometers away, and see the ambulances carrying back the wounded.

Company "E" moved to Varennes October 8, and took up the repair of the roads and railhead at that place. Here we were under nightly bombardment by Hun planes seeking to destroy the railhead and hospital, also the ammunition dumps between Varennes and Cheppy. Here Sgt. Hayden made his famous assertion that, "It's a hell of a war where a fellow has to work all day and run all night." Here, during one of the bombardments, Pvt., afterwards Sgt., Lee, made his exception to the twelve General Orders, by saying, "If Jerry comes over while I'm on post, I'll consider myself properly relieved."

October 20 Captain McCabe was relieved of command, and Lieut. Preston was sent from the security of Regimental Headquarters to take over the company, which he did in a capable manner, until November, when he was again needed at headquarters and Captain John J. McGrady became our commander.

November 7 Company "E" received orders to move to St. Juvin; left its old camp at 2:30 P. M., and arrived at the new camp at 8:00 P. M., which is making a record hike. Here the company found a hot supper and comfortable quarters awaiting them. The officers were quartered in an old brewery and the men in a large warehouse. Plenty of good water and fuel, and everybody was happy. Here the company was assigned to the roads from St. Juvin to Landres-St. Georges, which were soon repaired, and it was while we were thus engaged that news came of the signing of the armistice. It was a unique distinction that Company "E" of all the troops in this region should be the first to receive this news. The wireless station was near us, and the operators messed with us. Thus we received the glad tidings through them, and immediately the men began to celebrate by using their rifles and proceeded to fill the roof of their quarters with holes. No thought of future rains entered their heads. The news was quickly taken along the roads, and every passing truck and ambulance became the herald of joyful news. The eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month of 1918 will long be remembered by the officers and men of Company "E."

November 14 the company was moved to Briquenay, and here again we were lucky in finding good quarters. Here we saw men returning from the front, victorious and soon to be homeward bound. We worked the roads to Grand-Pre and Boulton. Lieuts. Ingraham and Steinhauer were here relieved from duty with Company "E" and assigned to its First Battalion.

November 19 we re-traced our steps to a camp about three kilometers west of Varennes to the region said to have been occupied by the Bavarian prince, Rupprecht. Here we had almost luxurious quarters in concrete dugouts, highly finished inside and outside with paint and fresco. Here we wished to have a long stay, but received orders at noon that we would move the next day.

November 21 we moved to Binarville, an extinct village in the heart of the Argonne Forest. Here at first we were quartered in old dug-outs that were very damp, but the usual energy was displayed by officers and men, and the quarters were made fairly comfortable until the heavy rains began. We were put on salvage work, and given the district running eastward to Apremont, south nearly to Varennes and west to Vienne Chateau, embracing altogether about thirty-six square kilometers.

Salvage work went on, and we found several bodies of both German and American soldiers, which we buried with appropriate honors. And an old German bath-house was repaired and the men enjoyed weekly shower baths, which helped a great deal to sustain their morale. Lieuts. Ooley and Locke and some of the men succeeded in getting fresh game occasionally, which helped the mess. Plenty of deer, boar, and hare were to be had in the forest, also many partridges.

December 14 we moved again about two kilometers to the dug-out city of Charlepaux. This is the camp that Company "E" made famous and that made Company "E" likewise famous. Here we had most excellent quarters for officers and men in the hastily abandoned quarters of the German High Command, located in the region of tragic atmosphere and heroic endeavor. Near at hand was the grave-yard of the 77th Division's "Lost Battalion." About one kilometer south was the scene of their struggle. Every day visitors came to our camp, first to see the scenery and get the story of the tragedy; finally they came to visit our camp and eat at our mess. Under the rigid discipline of Captain McGrady, our camp became known at G. H. Q. as the best in the Advance Section, S. O. S.

It was a common sight to see generals and colonels galore at our table, and that they enjoyed their fare was evident from their remarks and appetites. Mess Sgt. White was much praised. General Vollrath and staff and Colonels Hoffman and Eggleston took dinner with us December 30.

Weather conditions now were bad; snow and rain were continuous. The men kept in good spirits and boxing and shows were scheduled in the evening in our own theatre. January 23, Field Mass was read, and moving pictures were made at the graves of the Lost Battalion dead. A platoon fired a salute and taps was blown.

Monday, February 10, we moved to Chatel-Chehery and went into quarters recently occupied by Company "D." We took over the railhead and dump at La Forge, sorted and loaded the salvage, then went on with road work in and around the village. After this we marked time with drills and moving pictures, road work, baseball, etc., awaiting the time to go westward.

May 2, 1919, we again entrained with joyful expectations of soon being aboard ship. After a long but pleasant trip through Central France and beautiful Normandy, we arrived at the port of Brest and went into quarters at Camp Pontanezen, as "transient troops." Soon, however, we moved to another section as "permanent troops" and here remained until June 17, when the Zeppelin took us home.

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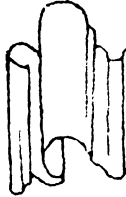
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A BRIGHT SUNDAY MORNING AT CHATEAU DE CHEHERY.

Troops, left to right—Company "E," Motor Truck Detachment, Medical Detachment and Headquarters Company. Officers left to right—Lieuts. Haar, Locke, Ooley, Preston, Capt. McGrady, Capt. Abbett, Chaplain Custer, Major Bliss, Colonel Humphrey, Lieut. Col. Bacon, Major Mitchell, Capt. Bragan and Lieuts. Heinzen, Knox, Legendre, Hubbard, Johnson and Lewis.



History of Company "F"



By FIRST LIEUT. EDGAR K. BROCKWAY

COMPANY "F" was organized at Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, Kan., on June 22, 1918, as Company "F" of the First Provisional Regiment, 164th Depot Brigade. On that date 250 men were received from Louisiana, Mississippi, and Missouri. The majority were from Louisiana.

Their first night in the army will not be quickly forgotten, for they arrived late in the afternoon at the receiving station. Getting the men assigned to tents and searching out good men to become acting non-coms., and drawing of supplies consumed the entire night.

The next two weeks were full of work for all. The men were frequently examined, and vaccinated. When they had nothing else to do they were on the field being taught the first principles of infantry drill regulations or being given lectures on military courtesy and discipline.

After the company had been organized two weeks it began transferring men into other organizations, and when it was made Company "F" of the 805th Infantry and moved into Camp Funston, on July 16, there were only sixty-five of the 250 left. They were the very best that could be selected from the 300 or more that had been handled up to that time, and most of them later became non-commissioned officers or first class privates.

Shortly after reaching Camp Funston we received more men and the drilling really began. We drilled from 8:00 A. M. each day until 1:00 P. M., and the rest of the day was spent in receiving instruction in wig-wag and semaphore signaling. Company "F" proved equal to the task and was soon drilling so well as to surprise the veterans.

On August 11, 1918, Captain James W. Finley, 1st Lieut. Robert Schmidt, and 1st. Lieut. E. K. Brockway were assigned to the company, and these officers were heartily welcomed, as there had been only two officers with the company prior to this time.

From now on the daily program was drill from morning to night with many casualties from the extreme heat, though we are thankful to say that none were very serious. Toward the latter part of August rumors began to circulate thick and fast as to our leaving for overseas duty, and when overseas clothing and equipment began to be issued it seemed assured that "Der Tag" was not far off.

Finally, Saturday evening, August 24, the fateful word came, and from then on all was hustle and bustle. Some were away on leave and had to be wired, and as the regiment was to leave immediately if not sooner there were a thousand and one things to be done at once. So it proved to be rather a trying time for officers and men both. Finally, however, all was ready, and it was then a case of watchful waiting until 2:40 A. M., August 27, when the train pulled out in charge of our own Captain Finley.

From Camp Funston to Camp Upton, N. Y. (our intermediate destination or jumping-off place as it were), the trip was a continual ovation. People along














MONROE, MISS.
 Corporal.
 G. C. Cline.
 Private.
 S. Howard.
 G. Sanders.


































































COMPANY "F"



























ON THE MARCH














At 5:30 that morning we entrained again, with Headquarters this time, bound for some point in Canada, and late that night arrived at Montreal, which, it had been rumored, was our destination. "You can't stop here," however, was the slogan, so on we went again, and finally arrived at Quebec near noon, September 2. It looked as though even the ocean would not stop that train, for we were rushed right out on the docks and hustled over to the good ship "Saxonia," of the Cunard Line. Company "F" was not so fortunate as to embark at once, however, for there



General View of an American army encamped in the valley through which flows the River Aire just west of Apremont. Organizations represented are 307th Ammunition Train, 82nd Division; 149th F. A. (Formerly 1st Ill. F. A.), 42nd Division; 327th Supply Train, 82nd Division; 328th Supply Train, 82nd Division; and four machine gun battalions of the 2nd Division. Between Apremont and the main road to Fleville, Ardennes, France. October 29, 1918.



Artillery moving up through Buzancy, between Briquenay and Grand Pre, Ardennes, November 3, 1918.

was much baggage to be loaded on the ship, not only of our own regiment, but of 202 army nurses who were to share the fortunes of the trip. So it was late in the afternoon before the company embarked and was assigned quarters.

With regard to the details of that trip across the Atlantic, as historian, I should go bravely on and do my duty; but as a participant I will merely make one or two remarks and then draw the curtain. Of course, we weren't sick—that is, those of us who weren't, loudly and gleefully proclaimed that fact—but alack and alas, how few such fortunates there were amongst us. Even that old sea salt, Sgt. Weakley, was sometimes seen hanging his wistful, mournful head from a port hole. As for guard duty, boat and fire drills, and submarine watches—why dwell upon such painful subjects?

September 16 was a day long to be remembered, for we sighted land, and that evening steamed up the Mersey to Liverpool, England, flags flying and bands playing on every side. That night was a happy one on board ship, and next morning early we landed, marched across the city and entrained on what looked to us like a toy train, drawn by a "tin lizzie" locomotive, bright with red paint and shining brass. And such a funny little shrill whistle. Our respect for that engine grew, however, as it whisked us along and few of us will ever forget the beautiful country we saw that day in Merry Old England.

Our destination was Southampton, where we arrived about six P. M., and, upon detraining, marched up through the quaint old city to an American rest camp—of course we are not complaining, but we had just as soon they would refrain from calling those camps "Rest Camps."

Next morning early, Company "F" again had the honor of hiking down to the docks, and loading the regimental baggage on the big freighter "Archimedes," with the assistance of a detail from Company "H." At 4:20 P. M., when this was completed, we embarked, and soon after started across the Channel. About the only incident worthy of mention on this voyage, was the dropping of an infernal machine in the shape of a can of hot coffee amongst the men in their quarters. Corp. Stanley, I believe, draws the credit for the resulting remark, "Lord, she's going to bust! RUN! !"

September 19 we set foot on the soil of France, in the city of Havre, and, with the exception of those unfortunates who had to unload the ship, we marched up the hill with eyes and mouths agape at the strange sights, to another American rest camp, where we spent the night.

We were beginning to think that now we were started, nothing would stop us until we hit the Hindenburg line, and perhaps even that wouldn't, so we were not much surprised when we started out again the next afternoon down to the railroad yards, where we were herded into French box-cars, each one with that now familiar sign, "Hommes 40, Chevaux 8," and started bumping and jerking toward that well known spot which is named, "Somewhere in France." The farther we went, the farther we seemed to get from that elusive point, but finally sneaked up and pounced upon it in all our glory, September 23, only to find that it went by that commonplace name, Rolampont, Haute-Marne, familiarly known amongst us as "Rolling Point."

The men pitched pup tents here, and the time from the arrival until October 2 none of us will ever forget, for as in the immortal "Casey at the Bat," there was no joy in Mudville those days. The flood-gates of the Heavens must have been opened, for it rained and rained, and then, all of a sudden, when you were least expecting it—it rained some more.

As for mud—well, like the clay puddlers of old—we reveled in it, rolled in it, and ate it, until we actually began to think our name was "MUD." There were

moments, however, when we managed to dodge between drops, practising rapid fire drill and spiral leggin wrapping. One memorable night we took a pleasant little jaunt up to Ft. St. Menge to watch a demonstration of the use of Stokes mortars, etc. A bit of excitement was caused there by a bomb, which, because of a weak propelling charge, was projected only a few feet from the muzzle of the Stokes mortar. Fortunately, it was a well-behaved bomb, and refused to explode. Of course none of us could read what was in that bomb's mind, so we didn't run, we just FLEW. The historian never yet, however, has heard who really started the row. For every man questioned said he was just running to keep the crowd behind him from running over him.

On October 2 we started again in box-cars, etc., for "Somewhere in France," and this time reached Clermont-en-Argonne in the First Army Area, amid the roar of the big guns at the front. Our stay here was a short one, for on October 5 the company moved to Auzeville, a very short distance away, where in conjunction with Company "E" we started work re-building a French railhead, enlivened by occasional airplane battles and the continuous roar of the guns.

October 18 we suddenly received orders to move up to Mt. Blainville, some five kilometers north of Varennes, and that hike will be long remembered by the members of this company who participated, for, because of the congested roads, it was necessary to detour, the resulting route leading over Vauquois Hill and making it twenty-two miles all told. Needless to say, everybody was about all in, but when welcomed by a salvo of Austrian "88's" which exploded near-by with a racket guaranteed to wake the dead, we forgot that weariness. It was dark when the company arrived (or rather part of it, for the lost man, Willie Brooks, by the way, came trudging gamely in at five P. M. next day); and as no lights could be shown in that neck of the woods, it was, to say the least, a difficult job to find the men's packs which had been hauled up there in trucks. As a result, many slept with the stars for cover that night (fortunately it was a pleasant night), and next day the camp was made as comfortable as possible.

Again the historian hesitates to dwell upon the details of the remaining days of October. The days were all right with their aeroplane battles, anti-aircraft gun action and exciting, hair-raising parachute jumps from observation balloons shot down by Boche planes. But oh, those clear, moonlight nights, the double hum of the Jerry motors overhead and that nerve-wrecking, "Crumpf," Crumpf" as Jerry kicked the tail-gate out and dumped his load of bombs around rather carelessly. I say carelessly, because, upon one occasion three of the blasted things landed in our front door-yard, killing two men across the road and slightly wounding one of our men, Pvt. John Fowler.

Those were the nights standing room in a nice deep dug-out was selling at a premium, and, in passing, I might state that the historian and other officers often thought longingly of those dug-outs, or wished themselves as deep down in fox-holes as some of the men had burrowed, rather than in a two-story, palatial palace of tarpaulin.

Of course there were amusing incidents, as, for instance, when somebody wouldn't stop to hunt the door of his tent, but walked off with tent, pole, rope, and all. Somebody would get tangled up in barbed wire and vainly whoop for help, and the historian would be almost willing to bet a good American dollar against a plugged five centime piece that Corp. Stanley's gas mask was about worn out from putting it on and taking it off so often. But we are all agreed that at that time anybody else could have had all that fun who wanted it. During this time we were plugging away on the roads in the vicinity of Mt. Blainville in order that supplies might be rushed up to the men in the front lines.

November 1 we moved again after the last big drive had started in the Meuse-

Argonne offensive, up toward the advancing front lines, to Fleville. But the First Army advance was so rapid that it was another case of "You can't stop here," so on November 5 we started out again, and landed this time between St. Georges and Landres, where we continued our work on the roads, moving again on November 8 to the outskirts of the village of Landres. While there the news of the signing of the armistice was received, and many a heart was gladdened. What a relief it was to be able to have lights and rest again without hearing Jerry coming to take all the joy out of life. It was here, however, that the company was saddened by the death of two of our men, Corp. George Cisco and Pvt. Benjamin Howard, who died within four days of each other and were buried at the edge of the camp, with appropriate honors.

November 18 we moved into billets in Landres on account of the extreme cold weather, and were just getting comfortably settled when we received orders to proceed to Varennes. It was rather a long, hard hike, but that night we were quite comfortable in the fine German concrete dugouts of the old Hindenburg line, near Varennes. Again our stop here was brief, for the next day at two P. M. we started again for a designated spot in the heart of the Argonne. We failed to locate our destination, so were forced to take pot luck in the woods all night—rather a chilly adventure too, by the way. Next morning we settled in Camp Kopf, La Chalade, an old French rest camp. After moving out to another camp to allow combat troops passing through to spend a night or so, we moved back into Camp Kopf and started salvaging a large area of the forest in that neighborhood.

From that time until January 24, we toiled at salvaging our area, and in spite of our being buried in that desolate spot with no opportunities for recreation, the time passed somehow. On January 24 we moved to Varennes again into old German dug-outs, where we had at least a Y. M. C. A. tent for recreation. There we operated a flying truck squadron, collecting salvage throughout the First Army area, worked at the salvage dump and helped police up the town of Varennes. The last week of our stay here was made very pleasant by the opening of the best theatre in the advance section of the S. O. S., constructed entirely by the 2nd Battalion (mostly Company "H"), in which we had the opportunity of seeing some very good shows and boxing bouts.

April 25 we hiked to Clermont on the first leg of our journey to the coast, but instead of our stop at Clermont being only a day or so, it lengthened into a week, and a miserable one at that, with rain, sleet, snow, and cold. At last, however, on May 2, we entrained once again in box cars, and after a tiresome, uneventful trip, arrived in Brest at 3:30 A. M., May 6, only to find that our troubles were just beginning; for in Camp Pontanezen we were shuttlecocks in the hands of fate, going home "Toot Sweet" one day, and told we were to stay forever the next. But one sweet day our trials, tribulations, and disappointments were over, and we sailed June 17 for God's country.

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GAUFF, AMEDE	3303571	Private	Reserve, La.
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Showing contrast in masks used for man and horse. The fact that the horse never breathes through his mouth makes a gas mask a simple object to make for him. Horses have been known to live several hours through a gas attack without a mask and still show no ill effects. 82nd Division, Chatel-Chehery, Ardennes, France. October 27, 1918.



Interior of Rheims Cathedral.



At Grand Pre.



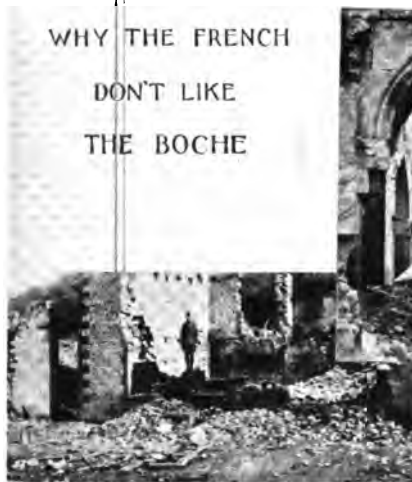
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A Pitiful Sight.



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Col. Bacon and Ruins Near Chateau De Chebry.



Varenes Church.



Montfaucon.



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At Montfaucon.



Romagne.



Bridge at Chateau-Thierry.



Church at Anzerville.

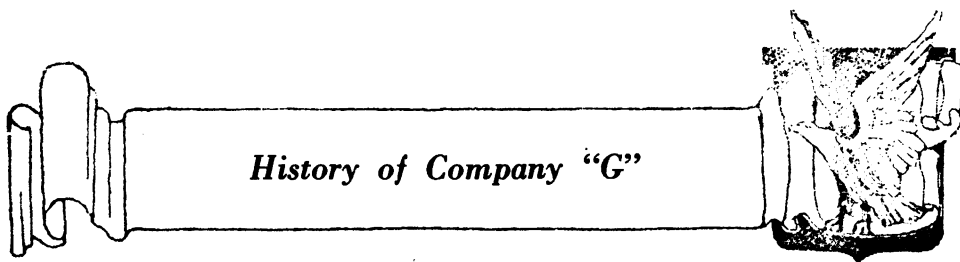


Rheims Cathedral.



Varenes (another view).

WHY THE FRENCH DON'T LIKE THE BOCHE



History of Company "G"

By FIRST LIEUT. LEONARD T. REYNOLDS

COMPANY "G" was organized July 5, 1918, at Dentention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, Kan., with Lieut. Albin DeBerry in command. He had as his company staff Lieuts. James H. Lansing and Henry H. Middleton.

The members of the company were selective draft men from Missouri, Kansas, Louisiana, and Mississippi, with a sprinkling from other states.

In the midst of a strenuous campaign of "squads east and west" under the blazing sun that seemed peculiar to Dentention Camp No. 2 alone, the order was received to move to Area 19, the former home of the 92nd Division.

Here the work of training the men, who mostly heretofore had been concerned mainly with how the next crop of "tatoes," etc., was coming out, began in earnest.

Captain George M. Bragan (then a lieutenant) was assigned to the 805th Pioneer Infantry and took command of Company "G."

Captain Bragan showed the results of his Regular Army experience as a drill master, and Company "G" began to look and work like a good company.

On August 12, 1918, Lieuts. Leonard T. Reynolds, Raoul A. Dornfeld, and Henry Wallenstein, Jr., were assigned to the 805th Pioneer Infantry and to duty with Company "G."

Lieut. DeBerry had been selected to act as battalion adjutant with Major Creed, to which duty he was afterwards permanently assigned.

August 20 a draft was received which nearly gave us our full complement, and August 25 brought the remainder.

At last the time to make the "big move" came with a suddenness that was almost overwhelming, and many and varied were the feelings in Company "G" as expressed by its various members; but on the whole the predominant feeling seemed to be one of relief that at least we were going to "get over."

Camp Upton is best passed over quickly; the attendant hurry and bustle, issuing of clothes, turning in of clothes, and the thousand and one things necessary to make ready for "overseas" left no room for poetic impressions.

The incidents of the trip into Canada, the embarkation, and the trip across have been described elsewhere, as has the journey down through England, across the English Channel to Le Havre. On reaching the "Rest Camp," Sgt. Randolph said, "If this is a rest camp, show me a make-you-tired camp."

After the long and tiresome journey overland, which ended at Rolampont, the company pitched "pup-tents" in a drizzling rain. The ground was a mass of "gumbo," and the "pup-tents" served merely to strain the rain instead of keeping it out.

Nevertheless the "esprit de corps" of Company "G" prevented excessive grumbling. The men just went ahead and made the best of things as true soldiers should.

Unfortunately, though, the dampness and the new climatic conditions caused some sickness, and a few deaths.

We soon moved, however, this time into the zone of operations. Clermont-en-Argonne was reached October 3.

Here we got our first glimpse of the havoc wrought by modern warfare, and it brought home to us as never before the magnitude of the game we were engaged in.

At this time we endeavored to obtain a full quota of non-commissioned officers. This was done mostly by a process of elimination, those who showed exceptional qualities of leadership and initiative being chosen.

Sgt. Frederick Penn, who had previous military experience, was made 1st sergeant, John W. Carner was made acting mess sergeant, Sgt. Edmund DeJean



was made acting supply sergeant, both of the latter being confirmed later. Sgt. Harry Smith and Sgt. Alfred Joseph were the "gas" non-commissioned officers.

After a brief stay at Clermont, Company "G," together with Company "H," moved out on the morning of October 6, for Avocourt, which gave them the privilege of being the farthest advanced units of the 805th Pioneer Infantry. Their position was in the support and reserve lines of the American First Army in this sector.

Here it was that the company began to work more or less independently and that it had an opportunity to develop its individuality as a company. The company's duties were to repair and maintain the important Avocourt-Esnes road for a distance of about two kilometers, and to furnish details for getting out rock for that purpose. But their activities did not stop here. Whenever a heavily loaded truck carrying food or ammunition to the front, or a piece of artillery was stuck, as was



Battery of sixteen machine guns in action north of St. Juvin, Ardennes, France. November 1, 1918.



Transport and men of the 42nd Division on way to Front up winding hill going to town of Champigneulle. St. Juvin, Ardennes, France. November 3, 1918.

frequently the case, everybody put his shoulders to the wheel, whether day or night, and something had to give.

Here it was that a gas attack was tried, but owing to previous excellent training and efficiency of the gas officer, Lieut. Ooley, and the gas non-commissioned officers, Sgts. Harry Smith and Alfred Joseph, confusion was eliminated and no casualties resulted; here, too, we were shelled at long range, and each moonlight night (and they were many) brought visits from the Germans in the form of bombs dropped from their planes.

Captain Bragan received notice of his promotion to a captaincy, but shortly afterwards went to a hospital for a minor operation. Lieut. Reynolds assumed command of the company and remained in command until the company reached Varrennes on its way to Sommerance, where Captain Robert Schmidt joined and took command. Captain Bragan was assigned to command Headquarters Company on his return.

Company "G" moved November 4 from Avocourt to Sommerance, where the same sort of work was done as before on the Sommerance-Landres-St.-Georges road, and here the signing of the armistice was celebrated on November 11.

November 20 the Second Battalion being assembled at Varennes, Company "G" was ordered to march to Le Nefour and commence salvage operations in the lower end of the Argonne Forest. Billets were obtained in an old French camp near Mon-Dieu Farm. After a couple of weeks' stay at Le Nefour the next move was to Florent.

Company "G" had the largest area to clean up in the district allotted to the regiment, but tackled the job with a thoroughly characteristic Company "G" manner.

After the cleaning up of this section of the forest was accomplished, the company moved to Clermont, the scene of their start four months before.

Here the company got together and subscribed enough for a party with speeches, solos, quartets, beer, 'n' everything.

Captain Schmidt having been sent to Beaune, Cote D'Or, as an instructor at the American Expeditionary Forces University, Captain John A. Ditto, who had until a short time before been with the 82nd Division, was given command of Company "G."

It is not the purpose of this history to make individual mention because space will not allow. Company "G," since its inception, has been "on top" all the way through.

The men have been loyal to themselves, their officers, and non-commissioned officers, and their country, and they hold a place of high esteem in the eyes of their officers.

They can return to civil life with a consciousness of a task well done and carry with them always the memories of their various careers as members of Company "G" of the 805th Pioneer Infantry, the most efficient colored regiment in France.

COMPANY "G"

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PIERCE, JAMES	3303616	Sergeant	R. F. D. No. 2, Plaquemine, La.
HARRIS, HARVEY	3303058	Sergeant	Leeville, La.
RUCKER, JACK	3302823	Sergeant	Mounds, La.
ANDOLPH, MCKINLEY	3302785	Sergeant	Roosevelt, La.
TOUSANT, JOE	3303026	Sergeant	R. F. D. No. Natchitoches, La.
CROSS, OLLIE	4261864	Sergeant	101 S. Logan St., Moberly, Mo.
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BOONE, EDWARD	4261953	Corporal	Rocheport, Mo.
HENRY, SIMON	3302992	Corporal	Jennings, La.
JOHNSON, FLANDER	3784484	Corporal	Tutwiler, Miss.
KENNEDY, ISRAEL	3303565	Corporal	Napoleonville, La.
KING, ADDIE	3303054	Corporal	Bedsale, La.
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RIBEAU, ALONZO B.	4259317	Corporal	Ste. Genevieve, Mo.
SLAUGHTER, ALFRED	4259362	Corporal	2405 S. 7th St., St. Joseph, Mo.
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WILLIAMS, SAM	4259252	Corporal	1523 S. 6th St., St. Joseph, Mo.
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HOWARD, ROBERT H.	3302871	Cook	514 Miller St., Helene, Ark.
KENDRICKS, ERNEST	3303618	Cook	Plaquemine, La.
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BROWN, FLOYD	4259724	Private First Class	1717 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
CAPDEVILLE, EDWARD	3302880	Private First Class	Jennings, La.
COLE, FOY	4259787	Private First Class	Auxvasse, Mo.
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DELACROIX, JOSEPH	3302934	Private First Class	Lafayette, La.
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CARROLL, CLELL C.	4259909	Private	Osceola, Mo.
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LEE, WALTER	3302759	Private	Shelby, La.
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LOFTON, JOSH	3303012	Private	Lakewood, Fla.
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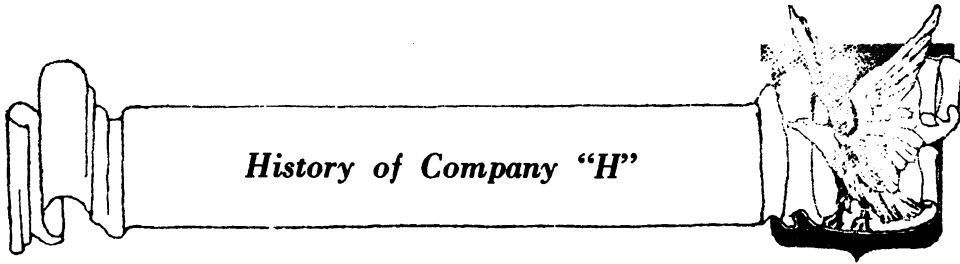
Major General James H. McRea at Chatel Chehery,
Ardennes, France. October 26, 1918.



Prisoners of 160th, 174th, and 241st German Infantry Regiments ready to start for First Army Corps Headquarters. They were captured by the 80th Division. Chatel-Chehery, Ardennes, France. November 1, 1918.



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History of Company "H"

By 2ND LIEUT. LOUIS C. HENIN

TO be historically accurate, we must trace the history of Company "H," 805th Pioneer Infantry, back to the hot, sultry days of the early part of July, 1918, in the dusty fields of that part of Camp Funston, Kan., known as Detention Camp No. 2. It was there, on a hot afternoon, that several Q. M. trucks unloaded their burdens of newly uniformed colored men, fresh from civilian life. These particular men were assigned to Company "H," First Provisional Colored Regiment, and were immediately placed in tents, where their introduction to army life began.

Very few of the new arrivals had any conception of what army life and discipline was like, and the most humorous incidents were of constant occurrence. The men very soon formed the conclusion that their mess kits were their best friends and used to wear them strapped to their bodies at all times, even sleeping with them. It took several days of the most arduous work to establish an orderly mess line. Reveille was an astonishing innovation to the men, and it became necessary to rouse them from their sleep about an hour before first call.

After a few days of elementary drills, hikes and medical inspections, about fifty of the most promising men were assigned to Company "H" of the newly formed 805th Infantry with the idea of forming a nucleus for a full war strength company. These men were at once put through a brief course of instruction at the rifle range with their newly issued Enfield rifles. They were quick to learn the art of shooting straight and proved themselves quite proficient, considering the fact that most of them had never handled a rifle before.

The first officers assigned to Company "H" were Captain Reed and 2nd Lieuts. Merriwether and Henin, but Lieut. Merriwether was transferred soon after the arrival of the regiment at Camp Funston proper. It was at Camp Funston that the real, strenuous preparation for the big effort began. The schedule was indeed a strenuous one for new troops, including close order drill, rifle and bayonet drill, extended order drill, physical exercises and games, long hikes and patrol and combat exercises. The men bore up remarkably well under the constant stress, and adapted themselves with amazing rapidity to their changed mode of life. After Colonel Humphrey took command of the regiment, parades were frequent and the men were soon marching and drilling like veterans.

Shortly before the departure of the regiment for France, the company was filled up to its full war strength by additions from Detention Camp No. 2, and Lieuts. Dalton, Tarbell, Longenecker, and Bender were assigned to the company. These new men were immediately introduced to the strenuous schedule and soon fell into the stride of the older men. The long, hot days of arduous drill upon the steep hills of Funston will not soon be forgotten.

The physical and mental weaklings were gradually weeded out and a distinctive company spirit and sense of comradeship began to develop. During this period of training, the spirit of whole-hearted co-operation, the strict discipline and unhesitating obedience of the men, and the cordial relations of mutual respect between the officers and men are worthy of mention.

It was not long before the last retreat was held at Camp Funston and the men of Company "H," in the highest spirits, were riding in Pullmans on their way to the port of embarkation. At Camp Upton, N. Y., the men received their final overseas equipment and resumed their journey to Quebec, where they boarded the good ship "Saxonia." During the entire voyage, Company "H" was cited for having the cleanest quarters on the boat at several inspections. This reputation, once gained, was thereafter maintained by Company "H" during the entire stay of the regiment in France. Company "H" was continually commended by inspectors for its clean and sanitary quarters and kitchens.



It was after the arrival of the regiment in France, when Company "H" began to operate more or less independently, that its real distinctive history as a company began. After a few days in pup tents at Clermont-en-Argonne Companies "H" and "G" had the distinction of being the first companies of the regiment to advance into the actual fighting area of the Meuse-Argonne offensive.

It was on October 6, 1918, that Company "H" started on its hike to Avocourt and got its first glimpse of the actual battlefields with their numerous shell holes, trenches, dug-outs, barbed wire, and scarred forests. On the very night of the company's arrival at Avocourt, while we slept peacefully in our pup tents on the side of a hill, the Boches sent over a gas attack, but owing to the excellent gas training which the men had received at Rolampont, no casualties resulted.

From then on, during about a month's stay at Avocourt, the company was under continuous shell fire while the enemy planes bombed the little camp practically

every night. During all this time, the men worked feverishly in constructing, repairing and maintaining roads so that the unprecedented rush of troops and supplies for the big drive might continue uninterruptedly.

About November 1 the company left Avocourt and hiked to Charpentry, where it continued its work on the roads in the vicinity, under constant shell fire. It was during the company's stay at Charpentry that rumors began to circulate to the effect that an armistice had been signed. A notable demonstration ensued which had to be ended by the company officers because of the danger involved to the men. This rumor was confirmed a few days later while Company "H" was at Fleville.

After the signing of the armistice, Company "H" was moved back to the vicinity of Vauquois, where day after day, in rain and mud for the most part, the men were out salvaging valuable war material left by the Allied troops in their onward drive. Here also Company "H" furnished large details of men to assist the ordnance sergeants in blowing up the numerous "duds" scattered throughout the area. This was extremely dangerous work, and Pvt. Morris Gray and Sgt. McCoy were so seriously injured by explosions that they had to be carried to the hospital. During this period, though the weather was most miserable, the work unpleasant, and the men were living in cold, damp dugouts, the morale of the company continued high throughout. The men began to stage various entertainments for their own amusements, and considerable musical talent was uncovered, including the famous "Argonne Quartet," composed of Pvts. Oatman, Taylor, and Whitfield and Sgt. Dealey, which later became the regimental quartet.

From Vauquois, Company "H" moved to Varennes, where the men worked at the salvage depot until their departure for Brest. Here although working in heavy rains continually, they never relaxed their cheerfulness and hilarious spirits. There were two "Y's" and numerous entertainments at Varennes, which helped to make life bearable during the long wait for the homeward journey. It was at Varennes that the men of Company "H" put up a large, beautiful theatre which soon became known far and wide as the "Pioneer Opry House," and which will remain as a permanent memorial of Company "H" to the stricken people of Varennes.

It was here that the company, with the deepest regret, saw leave in rapid succession, Captain Reed and Lieuts. Dalton and Tarbell. Lieut. Longenecker assumed command of the company for a short time, after which he too left the company together with Lieut. Bender, leaving Lieut. Henin as the sole representative of the original officers of Company "H." Lieut. Hubbard then took command of the company and was succeeded by Captain Clarke upon the departure of the regiment for Brest. Lieut. Spaine was with Company "H" for a short time at Varennes and had charge of the school which was formed in the company and held every afternoon. He was succeeded by Lieut. Knight, who left the company at Brest, where Lieuts. Puryear and Lemmon, formerly with Company "F," were assigned to Company "H."

It was at Varennes that baseball teams were organized and a friendly competition started between the teams from the four platoons of the company. Out of this abundant material a "cracker-jack" company baseball team was organized under the captaincy of Pvt. Eddie Miller.

Finally, a word must be said in tribute to the efficiency and unswerving loyalty of the non-commissioned officers of Company "H," especially the sergeants. Sgt. James Austin, the popular "top-kick," although small of stature, was big of voice and heart and strong in ability and personality. Of him it may literally be said that he ruled the company with an iron hand and a kindly heart. With a reproof on his lips but a smile in his eye, he was without a doubt the most popular man in the company and one of the best top-sergeants in the regiment. To Sgt. Cabot

Addison must be given the credit of performing the delicate task of feeding the men, with efficiency and tact. To Sgt. Gordon goes the credit of keeping the men looking "natty" at all times. To Sgts. William Jackson, Robert Boxley, George Murray, and Dave Ross goes the credit of the efficient leadership of their respective platoons.

And to every single private of Company "H" goes the honor and satisfaction of duty well done and hard tasks conscientiously performed through trying times. The men have all done their "bit" in the greatest war of all times, and feel justly proud of their efforts. They have been through many varied experiences, the memories of which will live with them forever. By virtue of the many hardships and triumphs shared together, the men of Company "H" have developed a distinctive pride and loyalty to the company and they will always look back with pleasure and pride to the many achievements of Company "H."

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ODUM, FRANK	3303110	Corporal	Grabow, La.
HARDISON, BUSTER	3303125	Corporal	Alexander, La.
COLEMAN, IRBY	3303112	Corporal	Fisher, La.
NEWMAN, LEWIS	3303072	Corporal	Alexander, La.
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WILLIAMS, OSCAR	3303553	Private	Donaldville, La.
WILLIAMS, SCOTT	3784332	Private	Pickens, Miss.
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None of these in the 805th.



History of Company "I"



By "REAR RANK"

THE days of reporting to our local boards and entraining for our training camps are a jumble of impressions. Here we got our initiation in falling into line and taking our turn. That never-to-be-forgotten day we entered the cattle gates at Funston will always remain with most of us, for we were shouted at, undressed by the numbers, bathed in record time, had new clothes thrown at us to be worn whether they fitted or not, told our personal and family history to a dozen officers, and so wrapped ourselves up in finger prints, physical examinations, etc., that we felt ourselves in a prison from the start.

From this madhouse we were trucked to Detention Camp No. 2, and after a few weeks of examinations, inoculations, and initiations to I. D. R. and C. M. M., while in a provisional company we formed Company "I" of the 805th Pioneer Infantry. This took place on July 15, 1918, with Lieut. Carpenter in command of the company. Lieuts. Hemstreet and Jones were assigned at the same time. On the same day we were marched to Camp Funston and immediately took up our part as a real organization, granting ourselves the privilege of calling all new comers by the name of rookie.

The supply office began to issue guns and bayonets, and our drill and training followed definite schedules.

July 17 saw Lieut. Carpenter relieved of duty with the company and Lieut. Hemstreet was given command. Somehow we always connect incidents with the change of our commanding officers, and with Lieut. Hemstreet we connect the teaching of wearing our hats just so, chin strap bow tied just so, the way to care for our rifles, how to "fall in" and "fall out," how to march at ease and double time, how to police ourselves and line up our shoes, and a million other wild stunts; but I guess they were all necessary, for if we showed signs of a doubt our "top" gave us extra K. P. or the officers read the Articles of War.

On August 11 Captain Abbett, Lieut. Vargo, and Lieut. Quinn were assigned, and a few days later Lieut. Hollister reported. How we sized up these new officers and wondered what all the change meant! But rumors have a little way all their own, and news was soon breezed about that we would probably be on our way to France before long. To substantiate the rumor we were marched to the rifle range and put through the course.

The black-and-blue arms, the heat, the dust, our camp, are indelibly stamped in our minds. As usual, everybody seemed to be in a hurry, and a soldier would hardly finish pulling the trigger on his last shot before the officers would hurry him out of the trench so another man could take his place even before he could read his score. After five days of such conditions we returned to camp with actual dope on an immediate departure and began equipping in earnest. Drill all day and drawing of supplies at night was the routine.

The orders for our departure came like a thunderbolt, and with push and jam the company property was gotten into shape and either turned in to the Camp Quar-

termaster or boxed for shipping. All night of August 26, we waited to entrain but did not get off until 6:30 A. M., of the twenty-seventh. Company "K" was on the same train with us. We lost no time in crossing the States, but we didn't go any too fast at that, for our car room was limited and the porter service wasn't good at all; but the Red Cross made up for the train service and fed us coffee and doughnuts and gave us cigarettes at every large city we passed through. They were so considerate of our wants that they would awaken us in the middle of the night to pass out their "chow." Every town we went through gave us a good send-off and made all of the boys feel proud that they were American soldiers.



We detrained in New York in the early morning of August 30, and ferried across to Long Island, arriving in Camp Upton about noon. We were the first of the 805th to arrive there. But from the very beginning every one felt that he would not like Camp Upton. This premonition proved correct, for if you are going to call Funston a madhouse, I am at a loss to find a name for this camp. Clothes were again issued here, and we received our overseas caps and spiral legging. I thought we never would learn to get those leggins wrapped correctly, and I am sure the officers thought the same, for they were always after us and many of the boys got special lessons.

Seems as if Uncle Sam had a mania for moving us in the night. Maybe he thought he could mix us up and we would not know where we were going. About 3 A. M. of September 2, we entrained for Quebec and arrived there the next day. Before we could get our bearings we were unloaded and embarked on H. M. S. Orita.

We lay in the harbor until sometime in the night and then put out to sea. But our ship was not the only one, for they put us in a convoy and gave it a cruiser as a guide and protector. Between spells of seasickness, policing the boat, boat drills, and physical exercise, every man kept his eye on the water for the sign of a periscope of a German submarine.

Our ship arrived in England September 16, 1918, where we again unloaded in the dark and boarded our first European train for "Somewhere." Such trains! We thought we were cramped for room in the U. S. A., but we had to give credit to the English for beating us on this point of inconveniences. The next morning found us in Southampton, where we actually began our marching, and the boys found out how heavy their packs were. The English gave us a most hearty welcome as we marched through the town to our rest camp. Did I say "Rest Camp?" Well, that is what they called it, but we were there about two hours when we slung packs and marched back to the docks.

This time we were loaded on a dingy old boat and packed so tight we could hardly get around, but our trip only lasted for the night, and we landed at Le Havre on the morning of September 18.

Our first impression of France will always be linked with one of the hardest hikes with full packs and empty stomachs that we ever made. We were doomed to visit another English rest camp, and true to form we left the same day and entrained for an unknown station in France.

Who will forget the box car sign "40 Hommes-8 Chevaux"? And I am certain that they had forty of us in one of those toy box cars. Rations were put in each car and many was the hungry eye turned in the direction of those field rations, for we had only two meals per day. The French peasants and children lined the way and incessantly called for cigarettes and souvenirs.

They sidetracked us at Rolampont, France, on September 20, and the remainder of the outfitting was completed here. Our introduction to French mud and rain came at this place, and many of the boys contracted pneumonia from exposure. Here we pitched our first "pup" tents, which were to be our sleeping quarters for many weeks to come.

We felt more like soldiers now with our complete equipment, and to top the whole affair we entrained for the front on October 2, 1918.

The early morning of the third found us wide awake, for our train had stopped and we could hear the distant boom of artillery and see the dull flashes against the sky. The place was Clermont-en-Argonne. The regiment detrained here and went into camp using some French barracks and some "pup" tents.

As we awaited orders which would decide what was to be our part in the offensive, we policed the town, which was in a terribly unsanitary condition, and did a little drilling on the side. But the scenes of war were about us, and we could not help watching the current of transportation going to and coming from the front. Stories of hard fighting reached us and were proven by the procession of ambulances carrying the wounded.

In the late afternoon of October 5 we broke camp in record time and moved toward the front. We were to report to the Twenty-third Engineers at Neuville for the purpose of building an ammunition dump. Camp was made in the dark that night, for no lights were allowed for fear of detection by the enemy air craft. Every man was dead tired and could have gone to sleep anywhere.

The second night in this place held a surprise for us, for Fritz began dropping his bombs, and this was a new sensation to all of us. Many of the boys were frank in admitting that they took safety in flight.

After completing the dump we were assigned to railroad construction, and on October 15 we moved to Varennes, where we were attached to the Sixteenth En-

gineers. Work was carried on night and day in eight-hour shifts, rain or shine. As the railroad moved northward, camp was broken and we moved to Baulny. Fritz seemed to have a grudge after this move, and after we had worked all day he persisted in keeping us awake all night with aero-bombs. While at this camp we were fired upon by artillery, but either the Germans were poor shots or we were lucky, for not one disturbed us or our camp.

At last, after carrying thousands of ties, digging cuts, making fills and laying rails, the road between Aubreville and Apremont was completed for emergency purposes.

We all felt as if the Americans were going to put on something big about this time, for the troops were moving into the line day and night and an unending stream of ammunition was on its way. At last the big drive came, the Boche lines were broken, and the Germans took to their heels.

After the big push the company moved to Marcq and then to St. Juvin, where we began the repair of tracks and switches which had been demolished by German engineers. While we were here the armistice was signed, November 11, 1918.

But we hardly had time to enjoy the temporary peace, for at 6:00 A. M. of the twelfth we broke camp and entrained for Verdun the same day. What a trip that was! Our train went thirty miles in two days, and if we were not off the track our engine was broken or it was out of water. Rations came near running short, too. We unloaded at Verdun and marched through some of the most desolate, devastated, bleak country in all of France.

We pitched camp near the ruined town of Aubaucourt and in a perfect swamp at that, but it was the best site to be had. The next day we fell to making railroad for the use of the Army of Occupation. Connected with this work will always come the sight of the prisoners of war returning to Verdun after being turned loose by the withdrawing Germans. The men were from all the nations engaged in war against Germany, and such poorly clad, hungry looking, yet happy, cheerful fellows we never saw in all our lives.

During this piece of construction work Pvts. Louis Williams and Ed. Anderson were badly wounded by an enemy tank mine which was near the railroad track and which was accidentally set off. These were the only casualties suffered by the company.

Completing our work the last of the month, we moved by truck to another desolate town called Malancourt, which was destined to be our home for most of the winter. At this place our company took up the salvaging of some twenty-five square miles of the Meuse-Argonne battle area. This area included the Bois de Montfaucon and the Bois de Malancourt. Our quarters were wooden barracks, and by the addition of a bath house and good walks we made ourselves quite comfortable for the winter, despite the continuous rainy weather.

While here, work was far from agreeable, for we searched for, carried, piled, and loaded into trucks tons of clothing, ammunition, rifles, artillery, signal property, and engineering material, all of which had been captured from the Germans or left by our troops during the fighting. Mud and rain always add to the contentment of troops, and we had more than enough of both during our work here.

With the setting in of winter Captain Abbett was loaned to the Motor Truck Detachment, and Captain Adkins took his place. Lieut Marston and Lieut. Quinn were sent to school. Salvaging was about over then, and life was a little easier. On March 10 we moved our quarters to Very, where Company "K" was billeted. Drill, games, and cleaning up work occupied most of our time.

On March 27 we entrained at Brioules for Doulevant le Chateau. Just before we left, Lieut. Morehead reported to the company. Our work at this place chiefly consisted of road work and some quarry work.



View of Montfaucon looking northeast. The ruin left of center is Cathedral de Montfaucon, located in the ruin of which is a machine gun position and an observation post used by the crown prince and his staff during their Verdun offensive. The road on the left passes directly in front of Chateau-de-Montfaucon and around the hill to Nantillois, coming into view again at the right center of picture. The Chateau-de-Montfaucon was the home of the crown prince during the above mentioned German offensive. The cross-roads on the extreme right lead south to Cheppy, southeast to Malancourt, east to the Meuse, and northeast to Nantillois. The woods shown on the right semi-background of the picture were very difficult to take and at one time were the position of a large German siege gun. These woods later, after Montfaucon fell, served as concealment for American troops and the jumping-off place of our forces when they started the second phase of the American offensive. Montfaucon was particularly favorable to both Germans and Americans as observation post, because this position offered a commanding view of the surrounding country.



Standard gauge track demolished by Germans by blowing out the joints. Marcq, Ardenes, France.

On April 27 the company entrained for Brest, France, and remained there until June 17, policing camp, digging trenches, unloading coal, and doing a dozen other jobs, all of which were steps in marking time for our expected embarkation to the States. Delousing and refitting of clothing took place while here. Captain Abbett here returned and took command.

In the morning of June 17 we boarded the U. S. S. Zeppelin and spent ten quite comfortable days crossing the ocean. We landed at New York on the twenty-seventh. The first day of July saw the entire company broken up and officers and men placed in detachments for their home camps.

Such is the history of Company "I."



COMPANY "I" AT VERY.

Lieutenant Harold I. Hollister (left) and Lieutenant George A. Williams (right).

COMPANY "I"

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HAYNES, LAWRENCE	3303402	Sergeant	Darrow, La.
LEAVINGS, JONAS	3303443	Sergeant	Donaldsonville, La.
RODERICK, LOUIS L.	3320092	Sergeant	200 Oak St., Natchez, Miss.
WASHINGTON, JOHN A.	3303459	Sergeant	2052 St. Andrew St., New Orleans, La.
WINFREE, WALTER	3303490	Sergeant	Paradise, La.
CHAVOURS, HAROLD H.	3320150	Sergeant	Sibley, Miss.
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BLAKE, WILL	4261679	Corporal	Armstrong, Mo.
BRISTO, ABB	3303346	Corporal	Naborton, La.
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PERKINS, OZEME	3301293	Corporal	West Lake, La.
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SHARKEY, UTILLIS	3303870	Corporal	Griffin, La.
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PLAYER, MOSES A.	3303340	Cook	Plaindealing, La.
PLEASANT, LUCIEN	3303422	Cook	2033 Washington, New Orleans, La.
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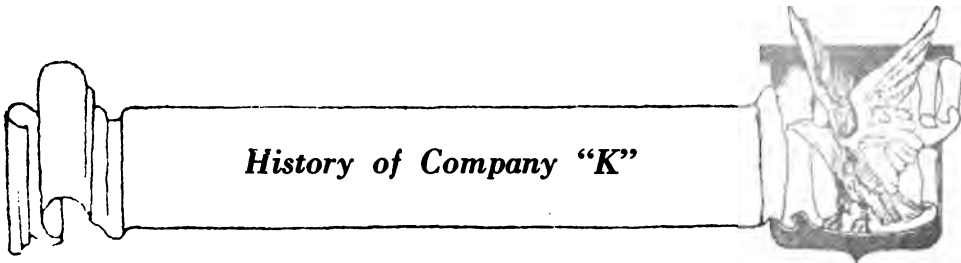
Monument erected by First
Division at Exermont
France.



Lieut. Colonel Herbert Parsons (builder of New York subways), who built new roads and repaired destroyed bridges in the American advance. Near Boureuilles, Meuse, France. September 28, 1918.



56th Coast Artillery Corps, Battery "E," 1st Division, backing up Division with 155's. Near Charpentry, Meuse, France. October 5, 1918.



History of Company "K"

By FIRST LIEUT. CHARLES E. PERSONS

THIS company was organized at Camp Funston, Kan., July 15, 1918, when Captain A. C. Woodruff and 2nd Lieuts. Robert E. Maris and Edgar D. Johnson took over fifty-three men of Company "K," 2nd Provisional Regiment. On August 10 1st. Lieuts. Charles E. Persons, Sam P. Moyer, and Donald Frankenberger joined the company, having been transferred from the 164th Depot Brigade. Under these officers the outfit came overseas. Changes in the officer personnel have been few. Lieut. Moyer, the always energetic and efficient commander of the 1st platoon, left by transfer to Company "G" on January 7, 1919. Platoon, company, and officers have never ceased to regret his absence. The strain of solitude, absence from home, and the continual sight of unrelieved desolation and devastation bore heavily on the spirits of all, and on December 17, 1918, it was necessary that Lieut. Johnson be sent "from duty to hospital." News of his arrival in New York on January 28, 1919, was later received together with the cheering statement that his nervous trouble was yielding to treatment in a happier environment.

On February 12, 1919, 1st Lieut. Walter H. Brenneman from Company "E" of the 805th and 2nd Lieut. George W. Spaine, who had seen service with the 82nd Division, reported for duty. Lieut. Spaine was transferred to Company "H" on February 28. Despite the shortness of his stay he is well remembered in the company for capacity and cheerfulness of spirit. Thus, of the six officers originally assigned to Company "K" four were still on duty with it after ten months of foreign service, while a fifth was in the regiment. Only eight officers were assigned, and of these, five were with the organization for the trip home. Captain Woodruff, who held command from July 15, 1918, to disbandment, is a veteran of the Philippine Insurrection and has had extensive service with the Kansas National Guard. No officer ever held more completely or deservedly the respect and loyalty of his subordinates. There was never a day that he did so little as his full duty; and no act of his official career was governed by any motive less worthy than the highest sense of duty and the strictest sense of honor.

The original fifty-three enlisted men consisted of picked troops from a company of 250 men and were chiefly from Alabama and Mississippi. Additions were made from the 164th Depot Brigade of seventy-four recruits on July 30; sixty-seven men on August 20; thirty-five on August 22; and a final sixteen on August 25. This gave the company a total strength of 237 men, and with this number it came overseas. Of the total enlisted personnel some thirty-eight per cent were from Kansas, thirty-seven per cent from Missouri, twenty per cent from Louisiana, and three per cent from Mississippi.

The company left its original home at Detention Camp No. 2 on July 15 and marched to Building 1935 in Camp Funston to undergo a course of training necessarily hasty. In order to understand how intensive the training of the company was expected to be, it is necessary to remember that its date of departure for overseas was August 27. At that date 137 men had been with the organization

less than ten days and over fifty men less than five. Up to August 14, the time had been spent in close and extended order drill and in preliminary instruction preparatory to the rifle range. August 14 to 18 were devoted to Special Course "C" on the rifle range. The great majority of the 125 men in the company had never fired a high powered rifle, many had never held a fire arm. They had, however, had the benefit of some preliminary instruction. Quite different was the situation of 100 men turned over by the Depot Brigade. In their case the preliminary course of instruction was rapid in the extreme, being compressed into thirty minutes. Kansas dust, wind, and sun aided in making the work heavy, and the hours were long.



The company returned to its barracks—or "home," as the men preferred to say—on Sunday, August 18. The following week was spent in drawing and issuing supplies and making general preparations for departure. It is believed that few organizations had a more rapid trip to France and that few traveled more continuously than Company "K" and the 3rd Battalion. Leaving Camp Funston August 27, 1918, and traveling via England, they pitched shelter tents at Rolampont, Haute-Marne, on September 20. Aside from two nights at Camp Upton, they had never been stationary a full night in the intervening period. And since the time at Camp Upton was completely utilized in outfitting, these nights are not counted as rest time. Consider the entries of the morning report covering this period: "August 27. Companies "I" and "K" entrained at 6 A. M., for Camp Upton, N. Y." (in Pullmans, be it noted). "August 30, 2:30 P. M., arrived Camp Upton; September

2, 4:00 A. M., entrained for Quebec; September 3, 10 A. M., arrived at Quebec, detrained and embarked on H. M. S. Orita at once; September 16, arrived at Liverpool 4 P. M.; disembarked at 10 P. M. and entrained at once for Southampton; arrived at 7 A. M.; marched to—in our case—Rest (less) Camp; 2 P. M., returned to dock; embarked 6 P. M., on H. M. S. St. George for Le Havre; September 18, debarked at Le Havre at 7 A. M., marched to the “restless” camp; left at 11:30 P. M., marched to station, entrained at 2 A. M., the nineteenth—a true zero hour—for Rolampont; September 20, arrived Rolampont, detrained and encamped on the mud flats in shelter tents.” Aside from its extreme rapidity, features of the trip were the descent by stages from Pullmans to the French box cars; the constant attendance of Red Cross members as the train passed through the United States and Canada; the overcoating of the company in thirty minutes in the hectic hours at Camp Upton; the lightless nights on the close formed convoy of transports, when sentries kept a close watch for submarines and saw none; the consumption of three meals in the “restless” period at Le Havre; and the enthusiasm displayed by the English over the arrival of American troops.

At Rolampont the outfitting of the company, begun at Camp Funston and continued at Camp Upton, was finally completed. The company made its first non-commissioned officers. Progress was made in close order drill and the company, drilled for the first time as a unit, in a measure found itself and developed some beginnings of cohesion. Here was held a regimental parade—at 140 to the minute. The men and officers were introduced to gas and wept lachrymatorily over the devilishness of the Hun. In these crowded days gas instruction and instruction in the adjusting of gas masks were given officers and men. And here the officers first made acquaintance with the intimate meaning of the billeting system.

The advancing offensive of the American Army on September 26, furnished the call for the entry of the company on its pioneer work, and on October 2 the company entrained French style for Clermont-en-Argonne. The flash and roar of the big guns some twenty kilometers northward welcomed the arriving troops, and in Clermont, on October 3, during the march to Camp Bondet, officers and men saw the first scenes in war's devastation. At Clermont, Regimental Headquarters established itself for what proved to be a lengthy stay. From this camp Companies “K” and “L,” under Major Cowley, marched three miles north to Aubreville on October 6.

This move brought the company on the battle side of the largest guns. “Big Betsy,” some two kilometers in their rear, punctuated the night and shattered silence while launching her shells over the camp to the point of delivery to the Germans. At this sample of the “best ruined villages of France,” the company labored by day and night to disentangle the railhead. Here they were entertained their first night by aeroplanes, and the sentries adopted the motto: “Lights Out.” By day they studied and practised the gentle art of camouflage on shelter tents and kitchen. At this place Major Cowley invented, constructed, and popularized the Bearcat Bungalow, a structure on the simple, right, strong lines of the newest war time American architecture, securing the maximum of comfort and shelter at the minimum of expense of effort and material.

The advancing offensive called for a further move on October 13, to Varennes, whose historical buildings had been pounded to pieces in the first days' fighting and where the company entered for the first time territory long held by the German forces. This move brought the outfit to its closest range of the “parteeing” enemy, whose lines held, with minor changes until November 1, some twelve to fourteen kilometers to the northward. Entry into Varennes was made inauspiciously in competition with a profanely struggling tangle of trucks, through hampering mud,

rain, and darkness. The company and its captain mutually lost each other, and another officer, separated from the command, spent unavailing efforts and hours, following the misinformation supplied by the M. P.'s. Morning found the company disposed on a hillside, in close proximity to a pile of abandoned German ammunition, on whose wicker cases two officers lightheartedly slept. In a shell hole to the left twelve Americans had been freshly buried. Over the closely shell pitted area, under the torn remains of an ancient orchard, trenches and entanglements straggled. Under the lee of every hillside the Germans had thoughtfully left commodious and strong dugouts as a refuge for any pioneer afflicted with insomnia on the occasions of a Boche aviator's visit. Company "K's" contribution to the cause of Democracy consisted of an ammunition dump, filled almost before completion, and a hospital site, together with assistance in re-establishing a railhead and switch yard.

On October 20 Lieuts. Moyer and Maris with a hundred men of the first and second platoons were sent to Charpentry to build a second ammunition dump. They established their kitchen cosily in a shattered church with its steeple rakishly askew, the officers occupied dugouts, and the detachment pitched shelter tents on a sheltered hillside. Here the company came nearest to being under fire. No casualties resulted, though shell-bursts in the vicinity of the work were not infrequent. At Charpentry also occurred the only case of "missing" in the annals of the company. Corp. Lawrence Brown disappeared one agitated night, and after a period of missing was reported as passing through the *triage* of the Forty-second Division suffering from a gunshot wound in his left hand. The mystery of his disappearance and wounding has never been explained. At Varennes and Charpentry the company celebrated, prematurely as later appeared, the signing of the armistice and the coming of peace. The expenditure of ammunition and burning of signal lights was on a scale commensurate with the joy of the troops.

The temporarily stationary lines surged northward on November 1, and as usual the Pioneers moved in consequence. On November 10, Company "K" was ordered to move "three kilometers" to St. Juvin and there meet a guide to the next camp. The three kilometers became on translation eight miles on the American scale, and at St. Juvin the company was directed to continue to Grand-Pre—the farthest north for the company—on the northern edge of the Argonne forest. In Grand-Pre the company found quarters in the spacious rooms of Chateau Ste. Marguerite. The kitchen was placed in a birch pavillion, built in the best German style and but recently the scene of officers' gatherings. In the grounds, with its shell torn trees and summer houses, and its melancholy aspect of former beauty, were the graves of American soldiers.

The house had been swept clean of furnishings and furniture by its German occupants, its roof was shattered, its walls broken by shells. In part payment, no doubt, for this damage the conquerors had constructed an addition in the nature of a deep, strong, and commodious dugout in which one may picture the conquerors taking their lordly ease and planning the operation of their subordinates, undisturbed by any tinge of personal fear.

The owner of the chateau visited his home during the stay of the company, accepted their hospitality in his own dwelling, manifested the deepest interest in the German "improvements" thereto, scorned all proffers of sympathy in view of the armistice terms, of which he brought the first reliable outline, and dug from the grounds in thrifty French fashion an amount of money and treasure sufficient to make the late German tenants commit "hari kari" when they learn of it, as one trusts they may right speedily do.

The assignment at Grand-Pre to road work was comparatively light, for the

roads had been well kept under German control and had suffered little on their retirement. The region round about was liberally strewn with the debris of battle and it was possible to read on the ground the story of the changing fortunes in that field. Here were seen the first unburied dead, French, Algerian, and German. One records thankfully that no American unburied were found. But the retreat and pursuit were too rapid from this point northward to permit of a thorough mopping up of the field. In Grand-Pre, after the armistice, the Pioneers for the first time in the period of their active service were granted a Sunday holiday, a respite well earned and thankfully received.

The signing of the armistice and the subsequent rapid forward movement effectually separated the 805th Pioneers from the First Army. On November 19, Company "K" moved back to the familiar shell holes of Varennes and on November 26 went into winter quarters at Very. This village takes first rank in the "best" destroyed French towns known to Company "K." Of the buildings which before the German occupation sheltered 800 people a scant half dozen in various stages of dilapidation remained. The church was represented by the graveyard, its stones had been used for various repairs in the shell broken roads. In the months spent at Very no civilians were seen save a few chance visitors, no church bells were heard, no domestic animals were seen or heard; all the customary sights and sounds of civilization were absent.

The environment was a waste of destruction and desolation, seamed with trenches, pitted with shell holes, hideous with barb wire entanglements, and gruesome with its thick sown crosses over the American dead. Here Company "K" spent the months to March 8. The military settlement was increased by the coming of Major Cowley and his official family, and later by the advent of Company "C" of the Third Corps Artillery Park. The camp consisted of adequate



COMPANY "K" AT CUNEL.

Captain A. C. Woodruff is at the head of the column. Lieut Walter Brenneman is at the left, and between is Lieut. Chas. E. Persons.

American-built tar paper barracks and abundant space. It was carpeted thick with salvage and built on the undisturbed ruins of Very. However, the barracks were fortunately small and the twenty man family became standard. Extensive improvements were undertaken. The salvage was removed, the grounds policed, ruined walls leveled, and the stones utilized in laying down a complete system of walks. The truck company gave expert assistance in establishing a bath house, utilizing the waters of the Aire river, and later in re-establishing the German electric plant deriving its water power from the same source. After these labors the camp, if not homelike, became habitable and, remembering that the company had sheltered in "pup" tents save for the Grand-Pre interval, it seemed at least comfortable. Wood was plentiful, and the Germans kindly furnished stoves from the numerous dugouts of the Hindenburg line.

The work assigned the company was the salvaging of the triangle of territory whose vertices were Varennes in the south, Montfaucon on the northeast, and Apremont on the northwest. The ten square miles of territory included within these famous boundaries had witnessed some of the severest fighting of the Meuse-Argonne offensive. A single division which fought from Cheppy to the line of Apremont required for the refitting of the remaining men 150 three-ton truck loads of ordnance and quartermaster property. And Company "K" testifies that all of those 450 tons, doubled by the equipment of the dead and wounded, was certainly left on the ground. Large contributions to the job had been made also by other divisions and by the defeated Germans. In addition were vast quantities of ammunition, including a complete artillery dump, and spent shell cases. On this ground were carloads of engineer material, railroad supplies, sheet iron shelters in the abandoned camps, and barb wire of German and American origin.

From the area the company salvaged over fifty pieces of captured German artillery and hundreds of wheeled vehicles, wagons, watercarts, and caissons. The



Albert A. Stevens, explaining to his fellow soldiers why he was joining the Church, and urging them to do likewise. Baptismal service 811th Pioneer Infantry, Companies "I" and "K," 312th Labor Battalion. Service conducted by Chaplain Edward C. Kunkle, U. S. Army, and Orrington C. Hall, Colored Y. M. C. A. Secretary. Rochefort-Sur-Mer, Charente-Inferieure, France. January 26, 1919.

painful story of the struggle to salvage this territory in the face of literally continuous rains, driving worn out trucks over all but impassable roads, will be compressed into the statement that the toil was completed and the territory left clean.

Outstanding events to break the monotony of the life at Very were few. Civilians drifted back chiefly to dig in the ruins seeking wine vaults and buried treasures. Singularly enough, these visitors met a fair amount of success. The early bird caught the wine. Titles were uncertain and knowledge of location obviously intimate. One can imagine the chagrin of the German masters if they could know what opportunities for loot escaped them. The returned French were rather a problem. They expected bed and board at the officers' table. The climax came when one ancient dame surreptitiously bunked her horse with herself in the company infirmary. Thereafter instructions in American customs were issued all visitors on arrival. At Very, also, the company made its first capture of Germans. It is recorded that Company "K" took a total of two Germans during its period of active service. The captured Huns were turned over to the prison camp at Varennes and receipts received.

The fresh beef supplies failed to arrive, and the quartermaster passed out "corned willy" for Christmas dinner, but the kindness of Base Hospital 42, who loaned a quarter of beef, prevented this truly doleful threatened catastrophe. The company sustained its reputation as a "go-getter" by drawing thirty-seven pounds of the total forty-eight pounds of the much advertised American Expeditionary Forces candy which reached the ration dump at Varennes. This was the first to reach the company. The Y. M. C. A. furnished a much appreciated Christmas gift, and with the addition of tobacco from the company stores, the men of the company received their Christmas stockings on time. As much can not be said for the Christmas boxes which drifted in through January and February. For the officers, under the leadership of Major Cowley, battalion pistol competitions were arranged by each of the companies in turn. In these contests Lieut. Frankenberger attained fame.

The history of the company subsequent to Very days may be briefly recited. On March 8 the move to Cunel began. Here the stay was brief but long enough to build a complete company camp, comprising five buildings and accessories. The assignment was to the Grave Registration Service. On March 27, the company moved to Briulles, where it entrained next morning in company with Companies "I" and "L." The destination of Company "K" was Bourmont, Haute-Marne, thus coming full circle into its first home department. Here some weeks were spent in pleasant populated surroundings and adequate barracks, in salvaging barracks, road work, and filling trenches. Late in April the long awaited and much desired orders came for movement to Brest. On April 27 the company marched to Liffol le Grand under Major Cowley, without incident, and on April 30 were billeted among the duck boards of Camp Pontanezen.

Of the original 237 men who embarked with Company "K" from the United States, 205 arrived at Brest April 30, in that organization. Ten had been transferred to other companies of the regiment, mainly as musicians to the band and as truck drivers to the supply company, and were still with the regiment. Twenty-two were admitted to hospitals and not returned to the company. Two of these men, Pvts. Ernest Walker and Edward Thomaas, have been reported deceased. Two were sent back because of accidental injuries incurred in line of duty. Some half dozen have been reported happily back in the U. S. A. Two periods of exceptionally heavy losses may be noted. The first was at Rolampont, when the unseasoned troops "fopped" in the mud and endured the raw, wet climate of the region. A dozen hospital admissions date from this period, and nearly every officer and man suffered in some degree. The second period was during the stay of the detachment at

Charpentry, where the water supply was mainly responsible for the numerous hospital cases, and for unknown reasons the men sent were invariably permanent losses to the company. With these exceptions, the health of the company was good, even excellent, as the record of 215 of the original 237 men remaining in the regimental rolls witnesses.



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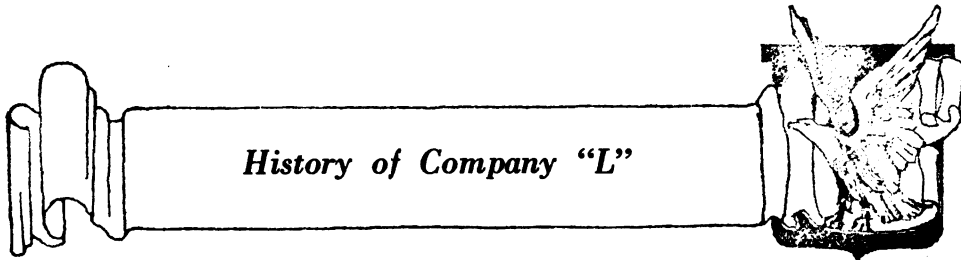




Company "I," 3rd Battalion, 317th Infantry, 80th Division, returning from the front after their great feat. St. Juvin, Ardennes, France. November 9, 1918.



6th Field Artillery, 1st Division, advancing. Baulny, Meuse, France. October 4, 1918.

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History of Company "L"

By FIRST SGT. JOSEPH A. THORNTON

THIS company was composed of drafted men from the states of Kansas, Missouri, and Louisiana. The first of these men were those of the June draft of 1918. They were from the state of Louisiana. Their arrival at Camp Funston, Kan., June 22, 1918, and subsequent assignment for duty at Detention Camp No. 2 was the beginning of Company "L," 805th Pioneer Infantry.

In its infancy this company was known as Company "L," Second Provisional Regiment (colored), 164th Depot Brigade. It numbered four officers and 250 men. The first duty of the officers was to classify the men for the different branches of the service for which they were fitted. Their object was to call out the men that were unfitted for any service whatever and to see that they were discharged and sent home so they would be out of the way. This being done, the remainder were classified after physical and mental examinations into three classes—overseas combatant, overseas labor, and domestic labor. After this work had been completed, Company "L," 805th Pioneer Infantry, was organized July 15, 1918, with two officers and fifty-two men as "overseas combatant."

With 2nd Lieut. Sidney B. Outlaw in command and 2nd Lieut. James M. More, the company marched to Camp Funston, a distance of about six miles.

This was the first real step toward transforming the raw recruit into the strong, sturdy soldier. They were taught the godliness of cleanliness, the value of their health and physical well-being to the government and to themselves, and most important of all, obedience to orders of their superiors. The value of this training, as a contributing factor to the efficiency of the company, has well borne its fruit.

The move to Camp Funston proper put new life into the men. They were no longer awkward "rookies." The change may be likened unto a bunch of kiddies being promoted to a higher grade in school. Then, too, the living conditions were better. The earthen floors were covered with wood, and instead of tents the men were housed in good, substantial wooden structures. Canvas cots were replaced with iron spring beds; candles had been relegated to the past.

However, the realization of the purpose for which they were here had not been sufficiently impressed upon them. A new day had dawned. The drill grounds of Funston were located upon the tops of the hills that surround the camp. There the company marched twice a day, morning and afternoon, for the purpose of instruction in drill and minor tactics of warfare. The men were awakened to the fact of a real purpose—to help right prevail.

In the month of August there were assigned to the company 137 recruits from the state of Kansas. This addition brought the company strength up to 189. In the same month, August 10 and 12, Captain Herbert M. Nelson, 1st Lieuts. Thomas P. Gallagher and Ralph A. Patton, and 2nd Lieut. Michael J. King were assigned to the company and reported for duty. To the men, new officers implied an immediate departure for overseas.

Each day the requirements were greater. The brevity of time and seriousness of the situation overseas demanded that the men be developed to the highest grade of efficiency.

Between August 21 and 27 there were added to the company forty-five recruits. Its strength was now 234 men and six officers. With this number it began the journey toward the Atlantic coast.

The night of August 27 was quite eventful. The men realized that they would be separated from home, country, and loved ones for a long period. A spirit of sadness filled the air. Notes of sadness from many voices united in one harmonious



chord. They were bidding farewell to the wheat fields of Kansas, the cane farms of Louisiana, to homes and loved ones. At 11:45 P. M. the men entrained at Camp Funston, Kan. They traveled four days, within which time they crossed seven states. To the majority the journey was an education in itself. Many had not seen the numerous manufacturing cities of the East, the industrial centers of the United States. The activities around the large and spacious harbor of New York had a marked effect in impressing them with the great foreign commerce of their country. The Goddess of Liberty inspired them with the ideals of the government. Their determination became dogged. Their love of liberty was as fixed as the statue which symbolized it.

On the night of August 31, at 11:00 P. M., the company arrived at Camp Upton, N. Y. There the men experienced several minor inconveniences. Candle and

sperm light appeared. Canvas tents again sheltered them from the damp atmosphere coming from the Atlantic ocean. Mother earth seemed to have prepared herself with a soft padding of sand. Their rest was peaceful. The sweet lullabies of the mosquitoes were very enchanting. The audience was respectful. "Attention" was the order.

The next day all the men were fitted out with new clothing and fully equipped for overseas service. The rapidity with which the company was equipped at Camp Upton gave occasion for thought. The company entrained at 3:00 A. M., September 2. Where was it going? Surely not overseas, for it was leaving the greatest harbor in the world, the place of departure for the majority of troops bound overseas. One day's travel brought it into a strange country. En route the men came in contact with a foreign tongue. The customs and usages of the people were new. The people were French Canadians, for we crossed the line into Canada the night of September 2.

At 11:00 A. M., September 3, we detrained at Quebec, and marched to the ship dock where the British transport, H. R. M. Orita, was waiting to carry us to the Old World.

At 10:00 P. M., September 3, 1918, the ship left her moorings and silently crept down the Gulf of St. Lawrence and on out into the deep blue waters of the Atlantic. About four days out, trouble began. To some the world might have ended there and then. Seasickness became prevalent. It was a common occurrence for men to lie in a corner of the ship's hold for hours at a time, and it became necessary to watch them closely and force them out into the fresh air. Finally this sickness was overcome.

There were many ships in the convoy. Our protection for about half the voyage was one battle cruiser. About this time a convoy that sailed from New York joined us, and we felt safer because of our numbers. Only a few days before the completion of the voyage, we awakened one morning to be told that if we watched we could see a fleet of torpedo boat destroyers join the convoy. From then until these destroyers joined the convoy, the rail was crowded. The first intimation that our new protection was near, was when the cruiser signal flags flashed and she started full speed ahead. The lookout had sighted the first destroyers, but whether friend or foe he could not tell. The cruiser had only traveled a very short distance when it dropped back to its original place and new signals flashed, for the destroyers' commander had answered the cruiser's wireless signal. This incident proved to us that a Hun U boat had small chance of torpedoing the ships of our convoy, but the addition of the destroyers was most welcome as we were nearing the most dangerous part of the voyage and "Old Glory" looked more beautiful than ever floating from the flag masts of our "Sea Greyhounds." Every precaution was being exercised. Men were not allowed to sleep below and must wear a life preserver at all times. Evidently the U boats did not care to expose themselves, for we reached Liverpool the afternoon of September 16, and the first troops marched onto the dock about 5:30 P. M.

We did not tarry in Liverpool. Many wanted to make purchases, as tobacco and cigarette supplies of the boat had given out entirely. In making up the trains to carry the troops, the company was split into two sections. Lieut. Gallagher, in command of the first, proceeded to Southampton and marched his section to a rest camp about three miles from the docks, only to receive orders to feed the men and march back to the docks. We were thankful that they told us it was a "Rest Camp," for otherwise we would not have known it. The second section left Liverpool at 2:30 A. M., September 17, and proceeded direct to the docks at Southampton and was joined by the first section. During the march of the first section to and from the rest camp, the men were looked upon with wonder by the

inhabitants. They had not seen this type of American troops in such large numbers. At every opportunity they engaged in conversation with the men. Some even went so far as to examine the different textures of hair. The variety of their colors was a curiosity to them. It was at the rest camp that the company lost its first member. Pvt. Thomas Dunn was taken sick and died the next day. It was the deep regret of the entire company that they could not be the ones to pay the final honors to "one who did his bit;" but at 6:00 P. M. the company received orders to embark upon the British transport, St. George. The St. George sailed at 8:00 P. M. and, after an uneventful voyage across the English Channel, docked at Le Havre at 5:00 A. M., the 18th.

Here the company made another hike to a rest camp only to receive orders to entrain at 10:00 P. M. for the front. At this camp the first non-commissioned officers' warrants were handed out. The men to receive warrants were: Joseph A. Thornton, Gloster Knox, Harrison C. Murray, Lemuel Durlley, and Guy Lennox. They received their warrants from Major A. D. Cowley, commanding the 3rd Battalion. During the march to and from the rest camp, the company had an escort of street urchins who engaged the men in conversation. The words "cig-rett, souvenir, and pennie" could be heard from all sides. Also "Bon Jour," and "Comment vous portez-vous?"

At 11:00 P. M., September 18, the company entrained in box cars, and Rolampont was the next stop, on September 20. If the reader will look back over the dates of the moves, he will see that from August 27 to September 20 the company did not spend a night except on the move. Here it might be well to add that Company "L," with Company "M" and Third Battalion Headquarters, was the last to leave Camp Funston and the first to reach France, so it was necessary to wait at Rolampont. In due time the other companies arrived, and the drill and instruction the company had been going through were continued. The supply officer drew additional clothing and battle equipment for the troops.

Rolampont is a quaint, quiet village, except for the movement of troops, and billets not being available, the troops were compelled to camp in their shelter tents (pup tents) on the mud flats. This was the company's first experience of the rough fare of the soldier. It was hard for the men to conceive how two men could crawl in under a shelter tent and sleep with any degree of comfort. Men of six feet and over had a hard time keeping their head and feet under cover at the same time. One man, Sgt. Knox, clashed with his bunkie for spitting in his face, but he afterwards learned that it was only falling frost. The company stayed here twelve days, and during that time received instruction in the use of the gas mask and intensive drill in the use of the bayonet. Here also the company lost Lieut. M. J. King and twenty-two men.

Influenza did everything it could to help the Hun, but all returned to duty after the company had moved closer to the front.

Leaving Rolampont on October 2 (via box cars), we were awakened about 2 A. M. the next day by the booming of heavy artillery. Flashes of fire were followed by a roaring, rumbling sound. It seemed as if the heavens were being rent in twain. The order "gas alert" somewhat demoralized the troops. Darkness prevailed. Those who had misplaced their masks were bewailing their predicament. With the coming dawn quietness prevailed.

The company detrained and marched up the steep incline of a hill to Camp Bondet, which at one time was the dividing line between the French and the German forces. This camp provided our first introduction to the "cootie." Barracks had to be cleaned and smoked out before the troops could use them.

During the stay here something of the frightfulness of war was revealed. Troops with parts of their limbs shot to pieces were being brought through Clermont

on their way to the hospitals. Prisoners of war were marched through the town. The buildings bore evidence of the brutality of the Huns. Churches were destroyed. The whole area bore evidence of destruction.

Leaving Clermont 3 P. M., September 5, with Company "K," the battalion commander, Major A. D. Cowley, marched us about three miles to the village of Aubreville, and the company again pitched shelter tents, as this village had also been destroyed. For the next six months we lived in or near destroyed towns. This was the only kind there was. A naval gun of the fourteen-inch type was stationed at Aubreville in rear of the company's camp. Its first shot was heard about 6:00 P. M. the next day. The shock jarred the earth. The gun was shelling a bridge at Apremont, about fifteen kilometers, or ten miles away. During the night of October 7, and many nights thereafter, the Hun paid visits with his bombing planes. He searched for the big gun but without success. The hum of his machine made one feel as if a vulture was about to swoop down.

At Aubreville the company did its first real work toward defeating the Germans. It was ordered to unload trains of railroad material and supplies of all kinds. It was here that the officers and men from the hospital at Rolampont began to rejoin the company. Lieut. King was the most pleased officer of the company as his "bunkie," Lieut. J. M. Moore, rejoined the company here.

On October 13 Companies "K" and "L" were ordered to report to the 23rd Engineers at Varennes. In the meantime Company "M" had joined the camp, so Battalion Headquarters decided to "sit tight." The companies started on their fifteen kilometer hike about 1:00 P. M. The company commanders had gone ahead to find a suitable camp site for the troops. Lieut. R. A. Patton, in command of the company, started it out by platoons. Lieut. T. P. Gallagher with the first led off, followed by Lieut. S. B. Outlaw, Lieut. J. M. Moore, and Lieut. M. J. King with the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th platoons, respectively. It was a hard, long hike. The troops could not use the roads on account of the heavy traffic and the danger of being shelled. There was nothing for them to do except to hit the fields. These were full of shell holes, and the continual downpour of rain added to their discomfort.

About one-fourth of the company fell by the way. When the men began to fall out, Sgt. Thornton was detailed to stay behind and pick up the men who fell from exhaustion. It would be hard to describe this march and the night spent by Sgt. Thornton and his men at Varennes, for each has his own version of it. At 7:30 the next morning Sgt. Thornton found his company camped on the side of a hill just east of Varennes.

At this time the armies of the American Expeditionary Forces and the Allies were meeting with marked success on all fronts. In order to hold the advantage gained, roads, railroads, and supply lines had to be maintained as a means of transportation and communication. This work was assigned to the 23rd Engineers, to which this company was reporting for duty.

A railhead at Varennes was necessary. The proof of this was shown when by actual count the trucks passing one point totaled 180,000 in one day.

The orders were for the railhead to be completed by November 1. Track must be laid, platforms built, and warehouses constructed. Captain Buck of the 23rd Engineers assigned Company "L" the task of building the platform, and the afternoon of the fifteenth they began clearing the ground covered by wrecked houses. During the night of October 30 a train load of supplies was set on tracks, and on the morning of November 1, trucks drove on to the platform and were loaded with supplies for the front lines. This sounds like a simple piece of construction work,

but wait. During the fifteen days there was almost continual rain. The men worked both day and night. Part of the time they ate cold sandwiches at noon and immediately returned to work—this to save time and complete the task as soon as possible for the benefit of the men in the front lines who were undergoing the greatest hardships.

During the process of construction the enemy tried time after time to destroy the work by aerial bombs. He came close but not once did he hit his mark. "Fritz will be over tonight," became a common expression. Some slept in dugouts, and those who were brave enough to sleep in their tents were quite frequently aroused from their slumber and could be seen "beating" it for safer shelter. However serious the situation, there was always some humor displayed. These were exciting times. Shelter tents were camouflaged with leaves and branches of trees, but the kitchen with its white canvas covering was quite prominent. The chief cook, a quaint and antiquated man anywhere between the ages of 35 and 45 years, was most apprehensive concerning his safety. "Dat kitchen gotta be hood-winked (camouflaged). Fritz got it in for us cooks anyhow, an ah sho wants to see ma ole lady agin!"

Quite frequently the men went without their supper, for the approach of the enemy's planes would be signaled by search-lights. Then and there lights were put out, and the cooks left for shelter.

The company remained at Varennes until November 21, during which time it repaired roads damaged by shell fire and heavy traffic. It was here that they celebrated the signing of the armistice. That was a happy time. Here also the company lost its first officer. Lieut. James M. Moore, who had recently been promoted from second lieutenant, was sent to the hospital for an operation. He never returned to us, but was sent home, and his last letter stated that he was fully recovered. His loss was a sad blow, for he was an efficient officer at all times, well liked by the men, and to the officers he was a real "pal."

November 21 the company moved to Romagne, about twelve kilometers north. Here the company stayed in dugouts east of town, until the ruins of Cunel could be cleaned and repaired enough to protect the men from the winter weather. Here they remained four months.

The work had changed. The regiment was assigned to the Salvage Department of the Service of Supplies. Company "L" was assigned the area lying between Bantheville, Romagne, Gesnes, Nantillois, and Cunel. This area was to be cleared of the debris of the war. Clothing, rifles, machine guns, shells, cannon, and in fact all the implements of warfare were to be found in this area.

The men were cautious, but it was inevitable that some of them should be injured. Pvt. Fred D. Lytle had his hand mutilated by explosion. The cause will never be known, as the explosive was hidden in firewood used in Lytle's quarters. Pvt. Robert Anderson and Pvt. Frank Sartin were severely burned by mustard gas from a leaky shell.

Winter came and found the company in very comfortable quarters. Trips were made by truck to towns outside of the battle area, and additional supplies were bought. A "Y" moved into Romagne, which was only two kilometers away. This added to the comfort of the men, for they could purchase at any time. A "Y" hut was brought in, and the men of Company "L" soon had it erected. Entertainments were now possible, and everybody took a hand in furnishing something. Company "L" quartet, composed of Sgts. Brown and Jordan and Corps. Fulcher and Ross, soon became popular. Not satisfied with this, Sgt. Durley organized a Jazz Orchestra. Their instruments were homemade, but produced the "goods." Soon a piano was salvaged, and here Alphonso Holmes proved that he was a "diamond

in the rough." About the first of March a ball team was organized. The equipment was furnished by the Romagne "Y."

Here I want to say a word about something that is not company history. Secretary McMeahan of the Romagne "Y" deserves more credit than he will ever get. He worked day and night, and I have known of more than one time when he has come in at one or two o'clock in the morning with a load of supplies, only to start for another before eight o'clock the same morning. To him, many men owe pleasures and luxuries they would not have had otherwise, for I have never seen another "Y" so completely equipped. One illustration is his purchasing of eggs with his own money and selling them to the men at the same price as he paid.

Cunel was the scene of another sad loss to the company. Lieut. Sidney B. Outlaw, who was promoted to a 1st lieut. at the time Lieut. Moore was promoted, was transferred to Company "C." Lieut. Outlaw was the first company commander, a very efficient officer, and to know him was to like him. They helped to ease the hurt by sending 1st Lieut. Paul V. Freed to the company. He was known to the officers and a welcome was awaiting him.

2nd Lieut. George A. Williams was assigned to the company February 3. He had just been assigned to the regiment, and his qualities were unknown to us; but one month later, when he was transferred to Company "C," everybody was sorry to see him go.

The day Company "L" left Cunel, Lieut. M. J. King was assigned to temporary duty as acting battalion adjutant. Two officers were away on leave, and to strengthen the commissioned personnel of the company, 2nd Lieut. Charles Y. Martin was transferred to us from Company "M." He was a welcome addition.

The company left Cunel March 27. Marching to Brieuilles that afternoon, they entrained at 7:00 A. M. the 28th, and that night at 10:00 P. M. arrived at Liffol-le-Grand, Vosges, France. Here a warehouse 500 feet long and 48 feet wide was turned over to the company for quarters. The men built their beds and mess hall. Pvt. James Barrow showed his "wares" as a brick mason.

While at this station, the company was inspected by the Commander-in-Chief of the American Expeditionary Forces, General Pershing. His expression to the Company Commander showed his pleasure as the result of the inspection. "You have a fine looking company," and, "You are directed to convey my compliments to your company for their splendid record and appearance," he said.

Good weather began to improve the spirits of the men. Athletics began to thrive. Every man competed in the All Point Company Championship. Some men who were temporarily crippled hobbled through the courses by the aid of canes. Following this, twenty men were sent to the S. O. S. athletic meet at Dijon and then to Le Mans. At Dijon, Sgt. Durley won the 120 yard high hurdles, Walter Perry took second in the 220 yard dash, and Corp. William Hudson jumped nine feet three inches and took second in the standing broad jump. The tug of war team pulled all teams off the field.

At Le Mans the company did not do quite so well, but was competing against the record holders of the world. The spectacular feat of the entire meet was the defeat of Company "L" tug-of-war team after a pull of over four minutes.

Company "L" lost another officer while at this station. Lieut. Paul V. Freed was transferred to Company "C." To express the feeling of the officers and men at this loss, it is only necessary to repeat what has been said of other officers.

A great and glad surprise came to the company in form of an order to proceed to Brest, France—Brest, that most important city in the American Expeditionary Forces—the city from which departure meant home.

COMPANY "L"

Officers

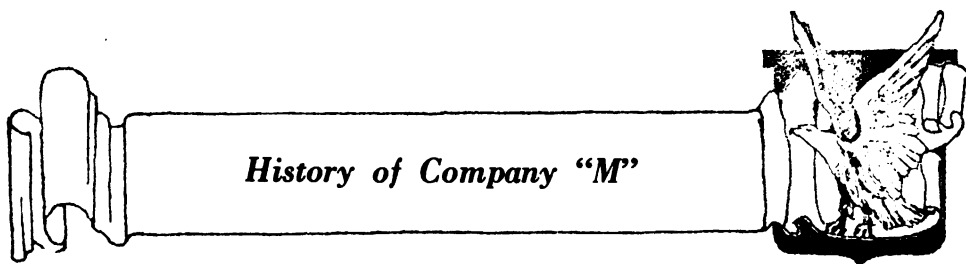
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 MARTIN, CHARLES Y., Second Lieutenant Infantry, Albernare, La.
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HARMAN, FRANK W.	1169584	Private First Class	Cameron, Texas
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History of Company "M"

By CAPTAIN GEORGE B. OTTE

THIS company was organized at Camp Funston, Kan., with Lieut. Charles Y. Martin as company commander. It was gradually filled up until it reached a strength of 229 men, 228 of whom crossed the pond for service in the American Expeditionary Forces. On August 11, 1918, its company commander, the writer, took charge of the outfit, and was its commander all of the time since that date. He was ably assisted by a group of excellent officers, to whom is due any credit that this company may have received, for they were always "on the job" and had only one desire. That was to make this the best in the regiment. To accomplish this end the officers of this company always had the able and unselfish assistance and counsel of the commander of the Third Battalion, Major A. D. Cowley, a real soldier, who was always the "older brother" of every officer of his command. We wish to take this opportunity to place in print our appreciation of OUR MAJOR.

As a part of the Third Battalion we crossed the ocean and became a part of the great American Expeditionary Forces, to try to do our part in the great world war.

After unloading the Orita at Liverpool, while the men of a certain machine gun battalion and aero squadron looked on, we proceeded to Southampton by way of those inglorious English toy cars which would cause almost any American legislature to lower the passenger rate to half a cent per mile. From Southampton we crossed the Channel on an old freighter and landed at Le Havre, France, on September 18, 1918, and were marched to an alleged "Rest Camp," where we worked and stayed until night, when we boarded the train made up of "40 Hommes-8 Chevaux," and were taken to Rolampont, Haute Marne, France, for a short course of intensive training. Here occurred the first death in the regiment, that of Pvt. Everett Johnson, of this company. He was buried in the little U. S. cemetery near Rolampont, with military honors.

From Rolampont we proceeded to Clermont-en-Argonne, and after a few days' stay there were moved to Aubreville, France. Up to this time the work of this company had consisted mostly of short spurts of military training, interrupted by hurried issuance of equipment. It seemed that at each place stopped at an attempt was made to see how much equipment a man could actually carry. The day at Camp Upton will always remain in memory as being one where bedlam reigned supreme, for the officers were kept busy for thirty hours issuing equipment and getting the men ready for foreign service.

At last the company was ready for duty, and it was assigned to road work and building sidings at Aubreville, and was also set at work unloading ammunition and other war materials. It was engaged in this work at that place from October 6 to November 5, when it was moved to Varennes, and continued on practically the same kind of work until the latter part of November, when it was put on salvage work. Some air raids were experienced but did no damage.

We lived in pup tents until December 12, when part of the company was moved

to Cheppy and part north of Epinonville. After six days the whole company was concentrated near Epinonville, where it was kept busy, rain or shine, at salvage work until Feb 21, 1919. Even Sunday forenoon was utilized for company inspections, no time being given on week days for this. In spite of the constant exposure to the wet weather, for it rained almost every day all winter, the men kept remarkably well. Under orders from Regimental Headquarters, six-sevenths of the whole company strength was kept at work each day.

After February 21, some time was spent in drill and school work, and on April 25 we moved to Dun-sur-Meuse, from which point we entrained for Brest



on May 4. During this time Company "M" was attached to the First Battalion, under command of Major Patch, our own battalion having been near Liffol Le Grand for some time previous. The "orphan" company, as it was called by Major Cowley, was treated with every courtesy by Major Patch, and our short service with him was enjoyed; but we were, nevertheless, very glad to be a part of our own battalion again, which we joined at Camp Pontanezen, Brest, France.

Although we had hoped to sail quite promptly when reaching Brest, as usual we were doomed to disappointment, and the men were put at all kinds of fatigue work, both day and night, many of the details working from 12 to 13 hours each shift. It was extremely trying to the patience of everyone, but like the good soldiers they were trained to be, the men went ahead with whatever work was given them to do, and performed it as well as they could.

COMPANY "M"

Officers

OTTE, GEORGE B., Captain Infantry, U. S. A. Clark, So. Dak.
 CROWLEY, EDWIN K., First Lieutenant Infantry, U. S. A. Leavenworth, Kansas
 ARNETT, RICHARD W., First Lieutenant Infantry U. S. A. Glendale Calif.
 MIDDLETON, HENRY H., First Lieutenant Infantry, U. S. A. Stonewall, La.
 ELLIS, LEON C., Second Lieutenant Infantry, U. S. A. Blue Ridge Summit, Penn.

Men

HOWARD, FRANK H.	3320785	First Sergeant	721 East 10th St., Topeka, Kan.
TWAINES, HENRY A.	3320826	Meas Sergeant	Williamstown, Kan.
BLANKS, OTIS	2208538	Sergeant	23 Walnut St., Mobile, Ala.
CROWDER, OLLIE	3304136	Sergeant	3233 Wabash Ave., Chicago, Ill.
JONES, LYMAN H.	336719	Sergeant	246 East 10th St., Covington, Ky.
KING, WILLIAM	2204085	Sergeant	Percy, Miss.
NORRIS, CHARLES E.	3320619	Sergeant	809 23rd St. N. W., Washington D. C.
ROBERSON, VAUDRA	3320868	Sergeant	Garden City, Kan.
TELLERY, BENJ. F.	4258645	Sergeant	1418 Euclid Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
LOTT, JOE N.	2193977	Sergeant	Cloneytown, Miss.
BRADFORD, RICHARD W.	3320640	Corporal	Quindaro, Kan.
COSTLEY, JAMES	2203798	Corporal	Pace, Miss.
GRIFFIN, ARCHIE	3304156	Corporal	Shreveport, La.
HOPKINS, FISHER	3304146	Corporal	1513 Hitchkiss St., Shreveport, La.
JACKSON, JESSIE	2204622	Corporal	Thornton, Miss.
JONES, WILLIAM	3317957	Corporal	Sedalia, Mo.
RADFORD, GEORGE H.	4258230	Corporal	1823 Van Buren St., Topeka, Kan.
ROUSE, THOMAS	3320887	Corporal	1019 Hancock St., Topeka, Kan.
SCOTT, PATRICK	3320558	Corporal	1601 E. 4th St., Fort Worth, Texas
SMITH, DAVID	3304099	Corporal	617 Dryades St., New Orleans, La.
SMITH, HARRY R.	3320879	Corporal	1011 Lime St., Topeka, Kan.
STOVALL, ALBERT	3320543	Corporal	641 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
WALTON, WIRT D.	3320671	Corporal	823 Pottawatomie St., Leavenworth, Kan.
WINCHESTER, TERENCE M.	3320886	Corporal	326 N. E. St., Arkansas City, Kan.
YOBBER, HAZELTON	3320807	Corporal	1046 Boswell Ave., Topeka, Kan.
RUTLEDGE, STEVE	3320622	Corporal	540 Lydia Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
WILSON, ROBERT J.	3320580	Corporal	1624 Charlotte St., Kansas City, Kan.
WILLIAMS, SAMUEL	3320723	Corporal	1157 Line St., Topeka, Kan.
MARTIN, EUGENE	3320854	Corporal	2201 Adams St., Topeka, Kan.
KITE, JIM	2208966	Cook	College Park, Ga.
MAJORS, WILLIAM V.	3320687	Cook	14th and Vilas Sts., Leavenworth, Kan.
RODGES, ARCHIE	3320808	Cook	1801 Kansas Ave., Topeka, Kan.
TUCKER, ROBERT F.	4262421	Cook	603 Alabama St., Memphis, Tenn.
WHITE, WILLIE	1169672	Mechanic	Livingston, Texas
ADAMS, TOM	3304100	Private	Timpson, Texas
ARMOUR, WILLIAM M.	2209138	Private	Buckhead, Ga.
BACCHUS, JOHN	3304082	Private	626 Dorgenois St., New Orleans, La.
BANER, HUGO	3301182	Private	Collinston, La.
BELL, LAWRENCE, C.	4259375	Private	Kingston, Mo.
BLAKE, CARLTON	3304121	Private	Shreveport, La.
BOWMAN, OBIE	3320437	Private	1951 N. 3rd St., Kansas City, Kan.
BROWN, JOHN	3318220	Private	Comb City, Miss.
BRYAN, HASKALL J.	3318261	Private	Galena, Kan.
BURRELL, HENRY	3301224	Private	Oak Ridge, La.
BURTON, SHERMAN	4261742	Private	219 Parallel Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
BAILEY, HENRY	3320450	Private	1617 N. 10th St., Kansas City, Kan.
CASTELLE, FELIX	3301117	Private	Glenmore, La.
COTTON, STERLING	3319650	Private	Plettenberg, La.
CUNNINGHAM, ARGUSTER	3317301	Private	Rogers, Ill.
DAVENPORT, GEORGE	2209161	Private	Madison, Ga.
DAVIS, PARIS	3318065	Private	121 E. North St., Coffeyville, Kan.
DOLBY, LUTHER	4258189	Private	Poplar Bluff, Mo.
DUVALL, ROBERT H.	4258257	Private	451 Virginia Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
EARLS, WILLIE	3320289	Private	Wilkinson, Miss.
EDWARD, CLARENCE	3301187	Private	Natchitoches, La.
FINNIE, ETHEL	4259328	Private	Needyville, Mo.
GAINES, WILLIAM J.	2203809	Private	Barlow, Miss.
GRAY, LOUIS	3301284	Private	Cheneyville, La.
GRAY, WALTER	3320398	Private	1710 Charlotte St., Kansas City, Mo.
GARRETT, JASPER	3301281	Private	Boyce, La.
HASKALL, OSCAR	4263287	Private	802 E. Center St., Topeka, Kan.
HALL, CLAUDE	3304084	Private	Flourmoy, La.
HALL, HERBERT	4258186	Private	709 Oakland Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
HARRIS, JOHN S.	4258203	Private	Aurora, Neb.
HAGETT, SIDNEY	4259977	Private	Mansfield, La.
HAYDEN, ALPHOUR	4261782	Private	2519 Hamilton St., Omaha Neb.
HAYNES, WILLIAM R.	4259174	Private	Neeleyville, Mo.
HENDERSON, TOMMIE	3320623	Private	441 Arkansas Ave., Lawrence, Kan.
HICKSON, CARL	3320646	Private	1027 Walker Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
HILL, OLIVER	3318127	Private	Sardis, Miss.
HOCKETT, JAMES	3320522	Private	740 Oakland Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
HUGHES, WILLIE	4259258	Private	1709 Home St., Kansas City, Mo.

HUNTER, ROY	3320474	Private	2044 N. 3rd St., Kansas City, Kan.
JACKSON, DOCK	2209183	Private	358 B Port St., Atlanta, Ga.
JACKSON, LACEY	3318094	Private	1102 Geyer St., Little Rock, Ark.
JACKSON, LEON	3304183	Private	Shreveport, La.
JACKSON, WILLIAM	2203845	Private	Shelby, Miss.
JAMES, WILLIE	2204107	Private	Greenwood, Miss.
JANITER, EARLY	3318107	Private	Hazelhurst, Miss.
JOBE, HARRISON B.	4258136	Private	1201 Eskridge St., Emporia, Kan.
JOHNSON, JACK	3320710	Private	Lombard Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
JOHNSON, MARTIN V. B.	3304062	Private	438 S. Franklin St., New Orleans, La.
JOHNSON, WALTER	4258246	Private	70 S. James St., Kansas City, Kan.
JOHNSON, WEBSTER	3318223	Private	Batesville, Miss.
JOHNSON, WILLARD	4261820	Private	821 S. Davis St., Mexico, Mo.
JOHNS, ALONZO	4258309	Private	46 Clinton St., Rosedale, Kan.
JOHNS, BILLIE M.	2204078	Private	Greenwood, Miss.
JONES, CLONUS	3304131	Private	1008 Louisiana St., Shreveport, La.
JONES, JOHNNIE	3304088	Private	2113 Jackson Ave., New Orleans, La.
JONES, PETER	3301135	Private	Doss, La.
KELLEY, CAL	3318097	Private	115 E. 12th St., Pittsburg, Kan.
KNIGHT, BEVERLY	3301172	Private	Cherryvale, La.
LASPY, FRED	3120629	Private	Edwardsville, Kan.
LEE, CLIFFORD S.	4261828	Private	11 A South 8th St., Columbia, Mo.
LINDSEY, FRED	3301259	Private	Collinston, La.
LEONARD, CLARENCE E.	4261823	Private	4017 W. Liberty St., Mexico, Mo.
LOWERY, GEORGE	3304116	Private	909 Texas Ave., Shreveport, La.
LYTLE, RALPH T.	4258293	Private	1651 S. Oak St., Kansas City, Kan.
McFARLAND, SYLVESTER	3318279	Private	Water Valley, Miss.
McKINNIE, DUTCH	4259425	Private	1202 E. 19th St., Kansas City, Mo.
MARSHAL, JAMES	3301127	Private	Alex, La.
MARTIN, WILLIAM C.	3320714	Private	1610 Mansfield St., Winfield, Kan.
MAY, RICHARD	4259250	Private	212 Clayton St., St. Joseph, Mo.
MAYHAM, WILBERT	4259403	Private	Allenville, Mo.
MINOR, CHARLES W.	4262832	Private	2102 Charlotte St., Kansas City, Mo.
MONTGOMERY, ELMER	4259288	Private	Excelsior Springs, Mo.
MOORE, WALTER	4262544	Private	Hutchinson, Kan.
MORRISON, ALEX	3304081	Private	New Orleans, La.
MOSELEY, MORRIS	4258214	Private	1617 N. 8th St., Kansas City, Kan.
NASH, JOHNNIE	3318248	Private	Canton, Miss.
MOTON, JESSE B.	4262558	Private	Caruthersville, Mo.
NELSON, JOHN W.	4258171	Private	403 S. 8th St., Lincoln, Nebr.
NUNLEY, BENJ. F.	4261788	Private	Carrollton, Mo.
NUNLEY, TAYLOR	4261685	Private	Carrollton, Mo.
OLIVER, JOSEPH	4258374	Private	Luther, Okla.
PARKER, FREEMAN	4283280	Private	Vidalia, Ga.
PARKER, GEORGE	4262532	Private	Salina, Kan.
PARKER, SHERLING	4261715	Private	Centralia, Mo.
PERRY, ISH	4262496	Private	Clarkdale, Miss.
POWELL, PRESTON	3304123	Private	1237 Hunter St., Shreveport, La.
PRITCHETT, ROSEVELT	4262521	Private	1023 Morgan St., St. Louis, Mo.
RAY, MITCHELL	3303114	Private	Colfax, La.
RAMBO, TAYLOR	3303090	Private	Bivens, Texas
REED, MACK D.	3318265	Private	Senatobia, Miss.
RHODES, EARL J.	3302829	Private	414 Lime St., Topeka, Kan.
RICHARDSON, EUGENE	3320716	Private	Topeka, Kan.
ROBERTS, SAMUEL	3318398	Private	Meridian, Kan.
ROBINSON, LINCOLN	5258148	Private	Oswego, Kan.
ROBINSON, WILLARD	4262787	Private	310 Oakland Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
ROSE, LEVI	4261726	Private	117 N. 37th St., Omaha, Neb.
SAUNDERS, ROBERT, R.	4262417	Private	North Platte, Neb.
SANDERS, WILLIAM	3319788	Private	Pantherburn, Miss.
SCOTT, DANIEL	3320757	Private	Beaumont, Texas
SIMPSON, CLARENCE	4258199	Private	Maplehill, Kan.
SIMS, RICHARD	3915780	Private	Pueblo, Colo.
SISSON, GEORGE	2204271	Private	Sunflower, Miss.
SMITH, CHRISTOPHER	3320713	Private	1017 Charlotte St., Kansas City, Mo.
SMITH, ED.	3320605	Private	418 1/2 E. 6th St., Kansas City, Mo.
SMITH, GROVER	3320822	Private	Monroe, La.
SMITH, JERRY	4262477	Private	Alexandria, La.
SMITH, TOM	3319742	Private	Fayette, Miss.
SMITH, TRUITT	3320586	Private	126 Franklin Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
SPAULDING, JOHN	4262563	Private	Widners, Ark.
STANLEY, ALBERT	3320602	Private	228 N. 1st St., Kansas City, Kan.
STARK, LLOYD S.	3320721	Private	Great Bend, Kan.
STEELE, THOMAS	4258213	Private	Topeka, Kan.
STEVENSON, HARVEY	3319820	Private	Anguilla, Miss.
STUGAIS, WILLIAM	3320867	Private	216 W. 1st St., Topeka, Kan.
STONE, ROBERT	4261807	Private	Columbia, Mo.
TAGGART, ERVIN	4261797	Private	St. Charles, Mo.
TAYLOR, JOE	4261714	Private	Mexico, Mo.
TAYLOR, WILL	3303131	Private	De Ridder, La.
TEAMER, OSIE	4258144	Private	Fort Scott, Kan.
TERRY, MONROE	3319761	Private	Fayette, Miss.
THOMAS, BENNIE	3303231	Private	Shreveport, La.
THOMAS, EARL A.	4259315	Private	St. Joseph, Mo.
THOMAS, HUGH	4258239	Private	Kansas City, Kan.
THOMAS, JEFF	2204653	Private	Tchula, Miss.
THOMAS, JERRY	3303753	Private	Brown, La.
THOMAS, JESSE S.	4258243	Private	510 W. Mill St., Independence, Mo.
THOMPSON, JASPER	3303161	Private	Homer, La.



COMPANY "M"

Company "M" on main road between Charpentry and Romagne, near Eclisfontaine.
 Left to right—Lieut. A. B. Reddick, Lieut. Henry H. Middleton, Captain George B. Otte,
 Lieut. Edwin K. Crowley, Lieut. Leon G. Ellis.

THOMPSON, JESSE	3300722	Private	Tullahassee, Okla.
THOMPSON, SAM	4262533	Private	Clarksdale, Miss.
THOMPSON, GUSS	3320832	Private	2040 North St., Kansas City, Kan.
TOLBERT, MARK	4258271	Private	Piper, Kan.
TOLBERT, WILLIAM H.	4258146	Private	Atchison, Kan.
TRICE, WILLIAM B.	4261729	Private	2838 Walnut St., St. Louis, Mo.
TURK, ROBERT	4258112	Private	Fort Scott, Kan.
TURNER, JAMES	4262796	Private	Necleyville, Mo.
TUTT, AUGUSTUS	4259071	Private	Joplin, Mo.
TYREES, JOSEPH	4259242	Private	Liberty, Mo.
WALLACE, HENRY H.	4259254	Private	Boucourt, Kan.
WALLS, FRANK E.	4258121	Private	Paxico, Kan.
WALLER, RAY	3320595	Private	Eldorado, Kan.
WALLACE, KEEFER	3303139	Private	Baton Rouge, La.
WARFIELD, HARRY	4258185	Private	Newton, Kan.
WASHINGTON, JOHN H.	3303248	Private	Mansfield, La.
WASHINGTON, HUGH	4261815	Private	Rowitsport, Mo.
WATKINS, CICERO	2206608	Private	2918 Pine St., St. Louis, Mo.
WATTS, LESLIE	4258210	Private	814 E. 12th St., Topeka, Kan.
WATTS, WALTER	3320801	Private	309 E. First St., Topeka, Kan.
WHEELER, GEORGE C.	4258177	Private	1037 Freeman Ave., Kansas City, Kan.
WHITE, WALTER A.	4258242	Private	1421 Euclid Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
WHITE, WALTER H.	3320793	Private	1204 W. Norris St., Topeka, Kan.
WIGGINS, SANDY	3303227	Private	Mansfield, La.
WILLIAMS, BERT	4258130	Private	2048 Holdridge Ave., Lincoln, Neb.
WILLIAMS, ED.	3319824	Private	Anguilla, Miss.
WILLIAMS, FRED	4258142	Private	1034 Everett St., Kansas City, Kan.
WILLIAMS, GENIA	3303559	Private	Junction City, La.
WILLIAMS, JOHN A.	3319771	Private	Fayette, Miss.
WILLIAMS, LEDUE	3301228	Private	Lecompte, La.
WILLIAMS, LUTHER	4258329	Private	1137 Pacific St., Kansas City, Mo.
WILLIAMS, RICHARD	3320565	Private	Esbridge, Kan.
WILLIAMS, ROBERT	4258176	Private	Akron, Colo.
WILLIAMS, SAM	3318607	Private	Winona, Miss.

WILLIAMS, WILLIE	3319916	Private	Greenwood, Miss.
WILLIAMS, WILLIAM	4258325	Private	572 Harrison St., Kansas City, Mo.
WILSON, ARTHUR A.	3320608	Private	Rosedale, Kan.
WINROW, CLARENCE	4258114	Private	Atchison, Kan.
WINSTON, JAMES	3319889	Private	Pine Ridge, Miss.
WOODARD, THOMAS	3301193	Private	Alexandria, La.
WOODS, OSCAR	3320788	Private	Topeka, Kan.
WRIGHT, ALONZO E.	3320610	Private	Box 316, Hugo, Colo.
YOUNG, OLLIE	3320571	Private	1309 Pennsylvania Ave., Lawrence, Kan.

Roster of Men who were formerly members of Company "M"

JOHNSON, GESCO H.	3320574	Supply Sergeant	Transferred to Hq. Co. 805th Pion. Inf.
BATES, FRANKLIN J.	3320407	Corporal	Transferred to Hospital
LOCKE, NAPOLEON	3320664	Corporal	Transferred Hq. Co. 805th Pion. Inf.
PAYNE, SIRELOUS	4258123	Corporal	Transferred to Hospital
BELL, JAMES R.	4261860	Cook	Transferred to Hospital
MARSHALL, ED.		Cook	Transferred to Hospital
DUPREE, ALBERT	3304107	Private	Transferred to Hospital
FORD, LOUIS L.	4263291	Private	Transferred to Hospital
JACKSON, LESS	2203501	Private	Transferred to Hospital
JOHNSON, EVERETT	3318581	Private	Transferred to Hospital. Died Sept. 25, 1918.
JOHNSON, CHARLIE	3320579	Private	Transferred to Hq. 805 Pion. Inf.
JULIAN, LEWIS L.	3317236	Private	Transferred to Hospital
KEYS, ANDERSON	4261431	Private	Transferred to Hospital
MARKS, CHARLEY	3301263	Private	Transferred to Hospital
NELSON, SOLOMON	4258158	Private	Transferred to Hospital
ROBBS, McKINLEY W.	3318068	Private	Hq. Co., 805th Pion. Inf.
RICHARDSON, LAWRENCE		Private	Transferred to Hospital
STEMMONS, JAMES	3300767	Private	Transferred to Hospital
STEWART, CEPHAS	4259358	Private	Transferred to Hospital
TERRY, WILLIAM R.	3320563	Bugler	Transferred to Hq. Co., 805th Pion. Inf.
THOMPSON, WILEY L.	3320666	Private	Transferred to Hospital
TIVIS, RALPH W.	4262772	Private	Transferred to Hospital
WILLIAMS, SOL	3319866	Private	Transferred to Hospital
WILLIAMS, WILLIE F.	3320661	Private	Transferred to Hq. Co., 805 Pion. Inf.
WARNELL, HENRY		Private	Transferred to Hospital. Died.



General view of the Battle Field north of Fleville. The shell bursts indicate the American position. The fighting here was quite different from the dense forest fighting the boys had to do to get the Germans in the open. Fleville, Ardennes, France. October 14, 1918.

History of Motor Truck Detachment

BY ONE OF 'EM.

WHAT a piece of luck when I came across a memo to Captain Abbett the other day, signed by Major Bliss. Of course I knew I was snooping, but when you see a good chance in a million slipping by, you just can't help making a grab for it. Here I've been hanging around since the first of 1919, observing and making notes, and along comes a chance to put some dope to good use—making history.

Well, that's what I'm going to do, for the memo read something like this: "Please write an account of the Motor Truck Detachment for our regimental history, bringing out some of the difficulties surmounted."

Gee-whizz—such room for development!

As for me, I left the States like the rest of you fellows, properly inducted into the service and assigned. In due course of time I came across the submarine pond. For days I didn't see daylight because of the mud, and every fibre of me ached from the strain. I never saw such a guy as had charge; seems to me he never slept. But the day I landed at the Chateau at Chatel Chehery, France, will never, never be forgotten.

I saw that I was in for something novel. Just about this time, January 7, 1919, I believe, I had a terrible jolt and rattled along on my jog for a couple of days, and then got lost at the garage in one of those wild morning scrambles staged by the boys and another fellow who was always spoken to as "Lieutenant, Sir." Later I heard his name was Van de Visse. That was sure some fortunate day for me.

After a few days Sgt. Jack Toussaint picked me up and, thereafter until January 19, I was his constant companion.

All of us were new to the job and had been brought together in a hurry to handle a large amount of transportation which had been temporarily assigned to the regiment for salvage purposes. Nothing went right at the start, and to add to the disagreeableness of a new job, cold weather had to set in to muck up affairs which would have have been bad enough with the best of weather conditions. Nobody likes



to fool around with cold, muddy tools, with insufficient covering for the hands, and certainly much less with tools that do not fit. Then the old chapel in which the men were quartered was cold and the mess was not our own. Everything seemed wrong at first.

The personnel of cars consisted of eight Light Delivery Fords, one Cadillac Touring Car, one broken Dodge Sedan, twelve Liberty Trucks, one Mack Truck, one Pierce Arrow Truck, and fourteen F. W. D. Trucks.

The "Cad" was a fine boat, but I sure got tired of the care they gave her; the Dodge was the Commissioned Officers' first car in France and had done her duty under the careful handling of Corp. Miller, but her ignition had burned out and they let her stand; the Fords, God only knows where they all came from; the Mack was salvaged by Company "M" and made to run by the patient endeavor of the officers and Pvts. Martin and Johnson of this company; the Pierce Arrow came from a salvage dump, and if you want the tale of grief connected with this junk pile you will have to get the story first hand from Sgt. Toussaint. The Liberties and F. W. D.'s were assigned from the Salvage Department, 1st Army battle area.

An old barn had been prepared for a garage through the able assistance of the Headquarters Company officers and men, and gave good shelter for the cars, but the trucks had to be parked outside for lack of room.

The real job was ahead, for there were more trucks than drivers, and only a few mechanics to keep them running. Sgt. Toussaint, who was made acting "Top," had a hard job, I can vouch for that; but Corps. Boddy, Peten, and Kennedy, who guided the repair work, had a much harder one. No tools or machinery were at hand, nor could they be procured. Of course you all know that a pioneer organization does not usually have so many cars and trucks, and somebody overlooked the repair question. However, Lieut. Van de Visse started salvaging and collected some of the necessary first aid tools, burkets, etc.

During one of the exciting mornings when Sgt. Toussaint was endeavoring to get the cars out on time, with cold engines, carburetor trouble and gassing up, I got misplaced. But on January 25, Captain Abbett came walking through the garage and picked me up and pocketed me on the spot. During the day's conversation I concluded that we had a new boss.

More men must be had, and the officers devoted considerable time in going to companies of the regiment, procuring men, and organizing a detachment according to regulations laid down for a truck company.

Then came the question of barracks for the new men. An old residence near the garage was cleared out, shell holes repaired, and this building from that time on was called home by the boys of the Motor Trucks. Certainly none of the boys will ever forget Corp. Snyder, for he had to carry out all the barrack orders handed out by the Captain, and let me tell you right here that he had no easy job, for the men were out late and had to be pushed to the policing job. However, in due time they got a bath tub and tubs to wash clothes in, and this helped affairs considerably.

I often heard the officers say that some of the companies had played a trick on them and sent men to drive cars who didn't know a hammer from a monkey wrench. I hardly believe that they meant this, but just on principle they started a school to help educate the boys on motor diseases and first aid. Many of the drivers used to yawn through that hour of night school, and I know that they would have gone to sleep if they had not been compelled to stand up most of the time.

Repairs were hard to get, but Blacksmith Moultry performed miracles at his forge and was able to keep ahead of breakages by putting in long hours. Tools had to be made, and those on hand had to be worked over so as to fit special parts.

On March 10, 1919, the F. W. D.'s were turned over to the Motor Transportation Corps, and life took on a brighter aspect.

With early spring and the appearance of our smudge pots, Lieut. Van de Visse left for school, and Lieut. Barton took his place.

About this time, for reasons unknown to me, for I was able to catch only bits of conversation and get a glimpse of memoranda now and then, a change took place, for we began to have daily inspections. I often heard my name called out by the Colonel along with the names of grease cups, cross eyes, etc., but you can wager I kept still. Everybody seemed up in the air, and I noticed that no transportation moved, and the men spent most of their time cleaning and shining cars.



Spring had set in by this time, and every man warmed up to his job and took more interest in it. Every salvage dump in the country was gone through in an endeavor to find machinery to equip a shop, pumps were salvaged, and a couple of Ford engines were brought to the shop and overhauled for power purposes. In due time a wash rack was built and a good pump installed, which was a great help in keeping up with American Expeditionary Force regulations. Preparations were under way for installing one of these engines in the shop so as to produce power for a grind stone, an emery wheel, and the blower, when along came the good news of our expected departure.

The day the regiment left for Brest, France, all transportation was signed over to the M. T. C. representative of Romagne, and with that day, May 5, 1919, the story of the Motor Truck Detachment ended and I was forgotten; but, if in the future you should reminisce, please do not forget my little part.



MOTOR TRUCK DETACHMENT

Officers

ABBETT, HENRY B., Captain Infantry, U. S. A., Commanding.
 VAN DE VISSE, MARTIN, First Lieutenant Infantry U. S. A., Transferred March 28.
 BARTON, WALTER E., First Lieutenant Infantry U. S. A., Assigned March 28.

Men

Sergeants

TOUSSAINT, JACK
 LANE, EVERETT H.

Corporals

KENNEDY, WARNER
 ABBINGTON, MURREL C.
 PRUITT, JOHNNIE
 STEWART, VICTOR
 PRIMMER, BEN
 SNYDER, JAMES L.
 WHITE, JAMES H.
 HICKMAN, EMERY E.
 PETERS, GEORGE L.
 BODY, WAYMAN
 SMITH, WILLIAM
 KING, JOHN C.

Mechanics

DAGGETT, NATT
 JONES, LEROY
 LUCAS, GEORGE W.
 MOULTRY, JULIUS

Wagoners

RICHARDSON, ED. D.
 SIMPSON, CHARLEY

ROBERTSON, WADDY
 BLANTON, LAWRENCE C.
 CAMPBELL, IVORY P.
 OWENS, JESSE
 JOHNSON, LAWRENCE E.


First Class Privates

EARLS, MILTON E.
 JOHNSON, CLARENCE M.
 KING, CLARENCE
 OGGLESVIE, CLEOD
 PETERS, SIMPSON


Privates

ALLEN, ROBERT L.
 ALSTON, JAMES
 AMBROSE, FELIX C.
 ASH, SOLOMON
 ANDREWS, EARL
 BELL, HENRY
 CHASE, ALEX
 CHASE, EPHRAIM C.
 CRAIG, HENRY
 DADE, LUTHER
 FARRIS, CHARLEY
 FAULKS, EARSY
 FOUST, CLARENCE B.
 FREEMAN, THOMAS

GLENN, WALTER C.
 GRANT, ULYSSES H.
 GRAY, JAMES A.
 HACKLEY, CHARLES L.
 HANNON, GILLESPIE R.
 HARRIS, OBE
 JOHNSON, EZEKIEL
 JOHNSON, JACK
 JOHNSON, WILLARD N.
 JONES, JAMES F.
 KENNEDY, JAMES
 KING, LEWIS N.
 LEE, HOWARD C.
 MARTIN, WILLIAM C.
 MITCHELL, LEROY
 MOSLEY, ELMER
 PARKS, GENERAL
 PAYNE, NATHANIEL W.
 PINDAR, RICHARD JR.
 PIPES, WALTER W.
 RICHARDSON, CLARENCE F.
 RUCKER, FAY O.
 SHACKLEFORD, OLLIE
 SHERWOOD, WILLIAM
 SYKES, ROY
 TALOR, HENRY
 TYNER, PLUMMER
 WILLIAMS, CHAUNCEY D.
 WILLIAMS, JAMES
 WISON, EMMETT
 WRIGHT, WILLIAM H.



History of First Battalion



By FIRST LIEUT. LEO A. NOBLE

THE First Battalion passed its days of organization with the rest of the regiment in Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, in late June and early July, 1918. Major Arthur C. Evans was in command of the battalion from then until the time for the departure of the regiment for France. The adjutant and director of athletics was Lieut. Malcolm R. Ingraham. The days at Funston were hurried days of drill and range practice, not omitting some warm hikes. The First Battalion was the first of the regiment to be entrained. It moved by two trains September 26, towards Camp Upton, going by way of Detroit and Niagara Falls, and the scenic Lehigh route. The time en route was largely spent at singing and getting acquainted with corn beef and corn beef hash, or accepting hospitality in the form of ice cream, cookies, or cigarettes from the townspeople at every stop. At Sayre, Pa., it took the form of a fire-hose shower-bath and swim. Then, at Upton came two days and nights when the officers and mosquitoes stayed up to keep the men awake, during the issue of overseas equipment.

But the battalion, moving again in two trains, crossed the Canadian border on the morning of September 2, and embarked aboard H. M. T. Haverford, at Montreal. While dropping down stream and waiting at Quebec for convoy, the battalion was introduced to boat drill and the comfortable life-preserver. Three days out from Quebec and just off the southern coast of Newfoundland, the Haverford fell behind the rest of the convoy and was ordered to return. That putting to the rear was in something of a storm, and the First Battalion was concerned with its stomach, and many an earnest prayer went up. So it was, that not until that lucky Friday-the-Thirteenth did the battalion again leave Quebec, and this time boarded His Majesty's Transport Novara, with another convoy. Sightseeing was far from being the objective, but the St. Lawrence was no undesirable or unpicturesque place to travel; and a moon-light night with an aurora borealis and distant light-houses, flaring at various intervals to right and left, illuminated a memorable passage through the Strait of Belle Isle.

That was on Sunday night. The next morning the sun was just striking the last rocks off the coast of Labrador, as the battalion got its final view of North America. Soon afterward the convoy sailed between two good-sized icebergs and passed a few smaller ones. A comparatively quiet sea made an easy trip, till the last three days, when a strong breeze put a surface on the water that, together with the zig-zagging course of the ship, made sailing a little more exciting to some. But the much expected submarine never appeared. Landing at Tilbury Docks, near London, on the twenty-fifth, the battalion was taken by rail on the following day to Romsey, near Southampton, where it embarked on the following day aboard the Archangel, for Cherbourg. After a rest of two days, the battalion started in quest of the regiment. The routing was by way of Le Mans, Tours, Bourges, Nevers, Dijon, Is-sur-Tille, and Rolampont, where a stop of five days was made for gas instruction and issue of more equipment.

Entraining again October 8, the battalion moved out, traveling by night only, the

following day being spent at St. Dizier, and a morning later all were aroused by the sound of the big guns taking their morning exercise. It was at Clermont-en-Argonne, and there the battalion joined the scattered regiment. Roads in the Argonne were very much in need of improvement, and the First Battalion went to work at once to put one in shape from Clermont to Varennes and finally to Apremont. Major Harry F. Chinner, with Lieut. Leonce R. Legendre as adjutant, was placed in command of the battalion at the time of its arrival at Clermont, and made his headquarters at Locheres. There were six weeks of hard work and long hours, but the realization that better roads were badly needed was a spur to



MAJOR PAUL S. BLISS AND THE FIRST BATTALION AT BREST.

efforts; for every bad hole delayed the already crowded traffic to and from the front. During this time there were three occasions when a part of the battalion was entertained by the midnight frolics of the Boche bombers, the only serious result being the loss of some valuable sleep.

Captain Onan C. Adkins was placed in command of the battalion November 26, with Lieut. Orville F. Ireland as adjutant, and Battalion Headquarters was located at Varennes. About ten days after the signing of the armistice, the battalion found itself detailed to a new task—that of salvaging; and Battalion Headquarters was moved to Chatel-Chehery. Collecting all the equipment and ammunition scattered over the hills and through the timber, and carrying it to improved roads, sometimes two kilometers distant, was a husky man's job, yet it is pleasing to remember that it was done with continual song, even when six weeks of steady rain ensued.

Major Joseph D. Patch took command of the battalion December 31, 1918. Soon after the work of demolition began, assisting the work of ordnance men, and the First Battalion delved into the duties of ordnance. The importance of the work

was obvious, but none the less it was a precarious job for beginners. But the proper spirit entered in, and danger diminished with experience.

The battalion's reputation for effective work was the cause of its companies being placed in charge of railheads and salvage dumps. All the battalion, except Company "B," was detailed along the Meuse, and that company was left at that work in Grand-Pre. Making order out of a chaos of scattered salvage of all kinds and leaving it all standing at attention, was the next task learned and developed by the battalion, together with the art of loading and shipping salvage, captured guns, and rolling equipment of all sorts. Major Patch moved his headquarters to Dun-sur-Meuse February 10, and with the opening of spring weather began to promote the baseball spirit, in addition to routine work and drills. Immediate results were appreciable, and Pvt. Ernest of Company "A," David P. Drake, Chester K. Sewell, and Plez Coz of Company "B" and Corp. James White of Company "C," were found to be able representatives from the battalion in the 805th team that made itself famous at Brest.

Lieut. Ireland was transferred from Battalion Headquarters and started on his way home, when he lost his right arm through an auto accident April 9. Lieut. Leo A. Noble succeeded him. Sgt.-Major W. W. Riley, of the First Battalion, who had been on duty at Regimental Headquarters since being warranted, joined the battalion just a few days prior to departure for Brest.

Major Patch was relieved June 6 to take the position of military police officer at Camp Pontanezen, and Major Paul S. Bliss assumed command and brought the battalion home.

The work of road building required care and interest; salvaging required effort (much of it) and care to see that valuable property was not overlooked; demolition demanded nerve and hard work; taking care of salvage dumps required an eye to neatness and a thorough interest. The First Battalion has had as much esprit de corps in its feeling of confidence that every job assigned it was thoroughly finished and with interest, as it has in its accomplishments as a military organization otherwise.

It moved into dirty quarters left by the Huns and made them attractive homes. It built its own telephone and electric light systems from salvaged material. It built some of its own barracks and most of its conveniences. The First Battalion goes home with the realization that there are more ways than one of ascertaining the soldierly qualities of a man, and that its men have been well tried, and found true and dependable.



American Engineers repairing the Grand Pre bridge, which had been destroyed three times by the Germans. This was very hazardous work for our boys, as this bridge was constantly being shelled by the Hun. Company "B," 303rd Engineers, 78th Division. Grand Pre, Ardennes, France. October 29, 1918.



Varennes-en-Argonne, Meuse, France. September 28, 1918.

Operations of Second Battalion

By FIRST LIEUT. ALBIN DE BERRY

July 5, 1918—The 2nd Battalion was first formed at Detention Camp No. 2, Camp Funston, Kan.

August 27, 1918—Entrained at Camp Funston, Kan., for Camp Upton, N. Y.

August 30, 1918—Entrained at Camp Upton, N. Y., for Quebec, Can.

September 2, 1918—Sailed from Quebec.

September 16, 1918—Arrived at Liverpool, England.

September 17, 1918—Enroute Liverpool to Southampton, England.

September 18, 1918—Enroute Southampton, England, to Le Harve, France.

September 20, 1918—Enroute Le Havre to Rolampont, France.

September 22, 1918—Arrived at Rolampont, France, for equipment.

October 2, 1918—Enroute Rolampont to Clermont-en-Argonne.

October 6, 1918—Battalion Headquarters and Companies "G" and "H" marched to Avocourt, for roadwork, Companies "E" and "F" to railhead at Auzeville.



MAJOR HARRY A. MUSHAM AND THE SECOND BATTALION AT BREST.

November 4, 1918—Battalion Headquarters Company "G" moved to Varennes (Meuse); Company "H" to Fleville, Company "E" to Varennes, Company "F" to Montblainville for roadwork.

November 6, 1918—Battalion Headquarters moved to Sommerance; Company "F" to Landres et St. Georges, for road work.

November 14, 1918—Major John Creed transferred to 6th Infantry. Captain T. A. Immell in command.

November 16, 1918—Battalion Headquarters and all companies moved to Camp Mahout, two miles southwest of Varennes (Meuse); Battalion Headquarters in Prince Rupprecht's dugout.

November 17, 1918—Company "E" moved to Binarville; Company "F" to La Chalade, Company "G" to Florent; Company "H" to Aubreville; salvage work.

November 28, 1918—Battalion Headquarters moved to Varennes (Meuse). Major Erastus Williams, Captain John A. Ditto, and finally Major Harry Musham were successively in command.

January 26, 1919—Company "F" moved to Varennes—duty at salvage dump.

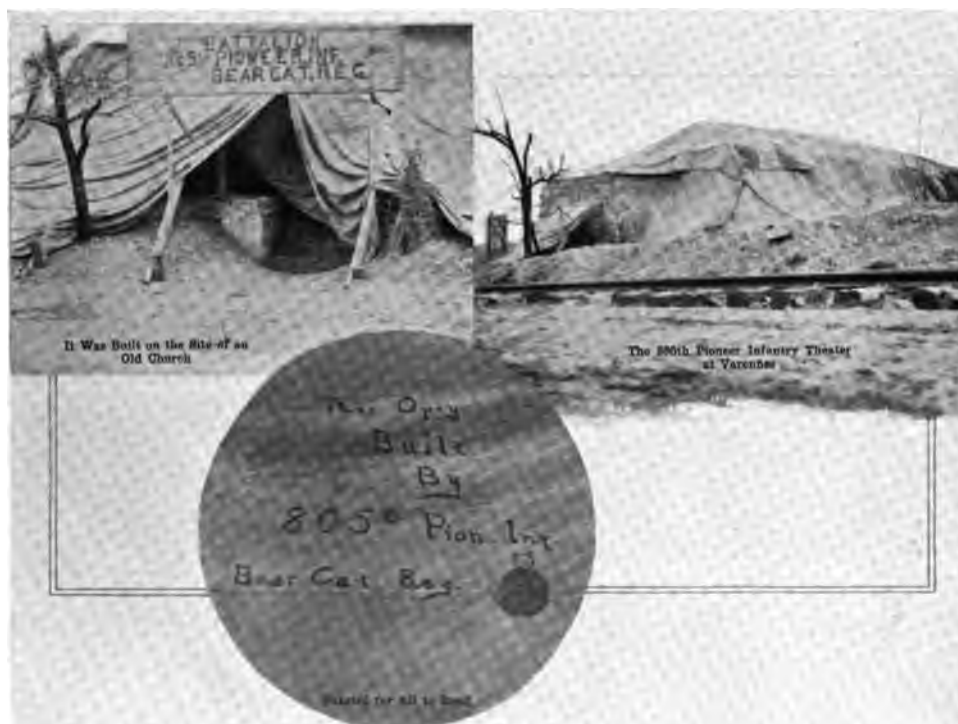
February 4, 1919—Company "G" moved to Clermont for salvage work.

February 5, 1919—Company "H" moved to Varennes; duty at salvage dump.

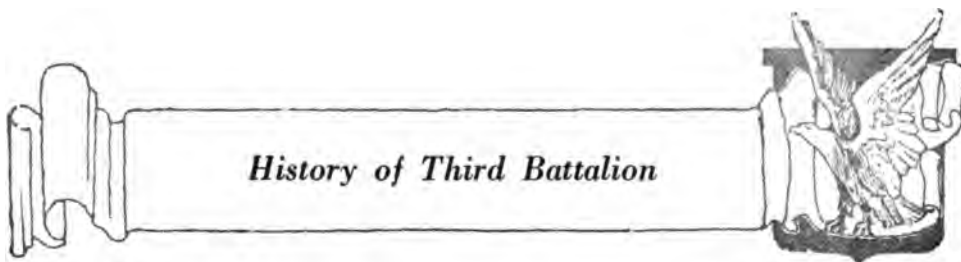
February 10, 1919—Company "E" moved to Chatel Chehery for salvage work.

April 30, 1919—Company "F" and Company "H", Battalion Headquarters moved to Clermont-en-Argonne.

May 2, 1919—Entrained for Brest, France. May 5, 1919—Arrived at Brest, France, placed on duty as camp troops. June 17, 1919—Sailed from Brest to New York. June 27, 1919—Landed at New York.



Theatre built at Varennes by Lieut. Albin de Berry and troops of the Second Battalion, 805th Pioneer Infantry.



By Its Adjutants: 1st LIEUT. H. C. CARPENTER and
2nd LIEUT. M. J. KING (Acting)

MAJOR A. D. Cowley was one of the three Regular Army majors who reported to the 805th Infantry for duty. He was assigned to the command of the Third Battalion. Although he was young, his service in the Regular Army had extended over a period of ten years. It soon became common knowledge, as many situations arose and many problems confronted us requiring a broad knowledge of Army procedure combined with seasoned judgment, that Major Cowley could be depended upon for assistance. Before being promoted Major Cowley was a captain in command of Company "A," 24th Machine Gun Battalion.

When Major Cowley reported to the Provisional Regiment, 164th D. B., from which the 805th was to draw its nucleus, he found Lieut. H. C. Carpenter in command of the 3rd Battalion, as well as Company "I" of that regiment, and later designated him as his adjutant.

Until Rolampont, Haute Marne, was reached, the services of a sergeant major were not required.* When it seemed likely that the battalion might be separated from the regiment and function independently, Pvt. Julius M. Tyler, Headquarters Company, was selected for the position and promoted to the rank of sergeant major.

The battalion arrived at Camp Upton at midnight, and after fighting the "battle of mosquitoes and overseas equipment" for 24 hours, entrained for Quebec, Canada. Here on Sept. 2 the entire Third Battalion and Third Battalion Headquarters went aboard that good ship H. M. T. Orita, that was to bear us across the ocean to do our bit to beat the Boche.

There were about 1,800 men and fifty-three officers aboard, including a machine gun battalion of the 84th Division and an aero-squadron.

Major Cowley was the senior officer aboard and took command. A little excitement was caused at the dock before putting to sea on account of a fire breaking out in the forward hatch. However, it was extinguished before any serious damage was done. This incident seemed to inspire everyone aboard with a spirit of expectancy.

Battalion Headquarters was kept very busy issuing orders for the troops abroad. Inspections, boat-drills, compliance with embarkation and debarkation regulations, and the nightly watch kept us busy. The ship's officers were very courteous in doing all possible for our comfort and information. Who does not remember Mr. Kirkwood with his characteristic, genial smile, and cap tilted on the back of his head?

The trip across was a novelty to most of us, and besides the usual experiences to be encountered *avant la guerre*, it was marked by a burial at sea of one of the ship's crew, the presence of some twenty odd other ships in our convoy, signalling of the ships to each other at night by wig-wag, the sounding of the fog-horn, a near collision in the fog at dawn, the appearance of destroyers to escort us, flying the Stars and Stripes, and the fact that the Saxonia had aboard 200 Red Cross nurses and we none.

Arriving at Liverpool September 16 we rapidly went ashore, marched across the city and entrained for Southampton in two sections.

King George was expecting us at Liverpool, so had a representative there to convey his greetings and good will in the form of a letter to each soldier and officer.

Southampton was reached early in the morning, Sept. 17, where we were promptly detrained and rushed out on a several mile hike to a rest camp. Here we found orders to get out "Toot Sweet." It was necessary to arrange for a medical inspection for the two companies composing the first section (the second had not arrived at Southampton), draw travel rations, and get breakfast and lunch, between 9:00 A. M. and 12:00 noon. Also more passenger lists had to be prepared before we could proceed, and our boat left at 5:00 P. M. The transport officer on the Orita had taken up all the passenger lists that were prepared, so typewriters were requisitioned and pressed into service at the dock. The march back was severe on all, as we carried heavy packs, and had had very little exercise in more than two weeks. That was some "rest" camp! In the meantime the second section arrived at Southampton and had not been fed, so it was necessary to get some food. They did not have time to avail themselves of the hike to the rest camp, so were content to stretch out on the platform beside their packs and stacks of rifles with the other troops.

At 7:00 P. M., September 17, we found ourselves aboard another ship not nearly so well appointed as the Orita. Other troops were also aboard for the trip across the channel. Major Cowley again was in command and ranked some officers of another organization out of the choice staterooms they had settled in. He was furnished with the secret message code which had to be studied out by flash-light.

The trip across the English channel was without incident, so on the morning of September 18, at 7:00 A. M., we landed at Le Havre—we were actually "over there"—in "Sunny France" at last!

Here as at Southampton the companies were formed and we started on a several mile hike to another "rest" camp. Ye gods!

The French greeted us along the way with glances of interest and smiles of approval. Even the Major had to discard his dignity at times to return the smiles of a "jolie" mademoiselle.

On one long hill we halted (already some of the troops had been forced to fall out), and at this time the deputy mayor of Le Havre met the Major, presented him with a beautiful bouquet of flowers (which he was too modest to accept, so conferred the honor upon his adjutant) and welcomed us in the name of France.

This was the only bright spot in the memory of Le Havre Rest Camp. We finally reached the rest camp sore of foot and fatigued in spirit. The American adjutant waited upon us promptly with a stack of orders, rules, and regulations, blank forms to fill out, certifying that we carried no more equipment than the law allowed, by means of which we were relieved of battalion dishes, company reconnaissance outfits, carpenter's tool chest and other things.

It would have taken a week to digest that bunch of rest camp orders, but fortunately we were not destined to remain so long. We were to have no rest. In about two hours, just as our baggage arrived, we received orders to get out that night. (We rarely waited for daylight or to sleep when a several mile hike with full pack could be provided).

The American adjutant on being reminded that we were anxious to do our bit but did not approve of being "rushed to death," that our troops had had limited training, remarked, "Well, one bombardment makes a veteran out of the greenest troops." He was going to shove us out, without a bath even, and the men had had one on the trip, at Rochester.

This was a British camp, so the British adjutant was located and induced to open the bath house after hours, so our men got the last real bath they were to enjoy for some time.

We marched back (all that were able—the others went on trucks that hauled the baggage) to Le Havre that night and entrained for Rolampont, the regimental rendezvous. The men were loaded in the "Hommes 40-Chevaux 8," and the officers had first-class French coaches, but do not confuse these accommodations with our American Pullman service.

An interpreter was furnished us, who was a source of much information. On the next afternoon our train was delayed near Versailles, and we had our first glimpse of the Eiffel tower in the distance, at gay Paris, but not so gay at that particular time as it was destined to be later. We arrived at Rolampont, Hte-Marne, Sep-



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tember 20, where we were met by the American town major, Captain Barbour, who showed us a bit of field where we pitched tents for our troops. We had barracks for the officers. He very graciously found accommodations for the major and his adjutant in a substantial French home.

The Third Battalion was the first of the 805th to arrive at Rolampont. Hence it devolved upon Major Cowley to assume the initiative, and the ability with which he handled the situation will be testified to by all.

G. H. Q. was located quite near, at Chaumont, so it saw that our comfort was looked after. It devolved upon the adjutant to proceed to an adjacent town, take over for the regiment our assignment of Nash Quads, Dodge car, and "Harleys." There are parts of France in the rear and south of the war zone that then were

beautiful to behold. Battalion Headquarters and officers of the battalion were kept busily on the move for the next several days. Truck drivers had to be selected and tried out, as well as motor-cycle drivers. Then there were trips to the historic city of Langres, the seat of the school for officers of the line, that was visited to purchase Sam Browne belts and other things we were unable to get before we left the States.

The evenings were quite pleasantly spent getting acquainted with the French language and customs, and the exchange for ours was mutually engaging to the French.

In a few days Colonel Humphrey and staff arrived with the 2nd Battalion and the Headquarters and Supply Company, so almost instantly things began to hum. Camps in the town were thoroughly policed and placed in the proper sanitary condition.

It is an increasing wonder to us modern Americans with all our sanitary safeguards, how the French do not all die with disease or germs.

Tin cans were flattened and arranged in neat piles according to regulation. A regimental parade was held on a rough field at a cadence of about 180, while spectators in airships looked down upon us, and we wondered if there was not someone yet higher who watched over us.

The Third Battalion Headquarters was finally relieved of most of its responsibility and of all of its transportation. Here at Rolampont we received our first intimate impression of the French people and customs, also our equipment complete for battle, thanks to that gentlemanly and greatly over-worked officer, Captain Lindsey, then Regimental Supply officer.

We had instructions in gas warfare and a practical demonstration of its operations and effects.

The weather conditions were quite unfavorable to the men in tents. Sleeping on damp ground resulted in considerable sickness and several deaths.

Finally, on October 2, we entrained for the advanced area. As we approached Clefmont-en-Argonne, our destination, the roar of the cannon, now loud, again faint, as the bubbling of boiling water, told us in eloquent fashion a mighty story—at last but not least, WAR, no doubt of it. At daylight we detrained, the earth trembling beneath us in sympathetic vibration with the reverberating cannon near.

The grounds about were generally in a most untidy and unsanitary condition, so Colonel Humphrey immediately ordered straddle trenches constructed and guards posted over the water supply.

March column was formed after a hasty breakfast of corned "willie" served on the railroad tracks, and we proceeded to the top of Butte St. Anne and Camp Bondet.

Here were available some filthy quarters, which were policed thoroughly for occupancy, and some elected to pitch shelter tents under trees rather than risk gaining those bosom friends, the "cooties," in the barracks.

This camp commanded a comprehensive view in every direction. It overlooked the valley of the Aire River and the lines of communication to the front which were infested and congested with the multitude and variety of operations incident to war. Above us there was an incessant buzz of aeroplanes flying to and fro as busy as bees and accompanied always by the rat-tat-tat-a-tat burst from the machine guns answered by the same friendly signal.

After a couple of nights here fraught with speculation as to what the immediate future held in store, as our ears recorded the dull rumble from the front, and the more audible rattle all around us, Third Battalion Headquarters and Companies "K" and "L" proceeded to Aubreville by marching about three kilometers.



WHEN WE CROSSED THE ATLANTIC

Tents were pitched in a neat little apple orchard on a hill that overlooked the railroad yards and main road.

The Engineers to whom Major Cowley reported were to receive us and assign quarters. They seemed surprised to see us, but furnished us with information as to the location of the water supply and the fact that there was plenty of space around them in what was No-Man's-Land, and no doubt we could find a place to camp.

The troops must be fed if they were to work day and night, keeping the roads in repair and unloading cars, etc. So transportation for Battalion Headquarters to haul rations from the railhead at Clermont became a necessity. In a few days' time we were the recipients of admiring and curious glances as we traveled the roads in a Boche truck.

At night we were highly entertained by the activities of a huge French naval gun, sending "peace proposals" over our heads towards the Boche lines. Then the Boche air-bombers made frequent visits in search of this eloquent peace-maker, but never touched us. The Boche usually came just after supper and at the first cry of "lights out" we knew that the show was on.

About the middle of October the Third Battalion Headquarters was ordered to move to Varennes to join Companies "K" and "L," so the Adjutant proceeded a few days in advance of the Major, who was sick. This was not his first trip to Varennes, for one morning a few days previous he had accompanied Colonel Humphrey there in search of an engineer officer at whose disposal we wished to place some troops. Traffic was congested—solid lines in either direction and a division was being relieved. At this stage of the situation on the crest of the highway, Fritz decided upon a game of ten-pins, so proceeded to bowl a few over.

While the Adjutant had nursed a decided hatred for the Boches for some eighteen months, this was the first personal insult he had been subjected to at their hands. A generous shower of fragments, clods, and stone descended upon our unhelmeted heads at regular intervals as Fritz bracketed the road and finally found his target. A French ammunition truck was caused to spill its load of peace messages in the road, but this is one time our energetic C. O. did not order a general police of the area.

Varennes, that village of Marie Antoinette fame, occupied by the Germans for nearly the entire period of the war, was even more frequently bombed than Aubreville. There was a railhead here, built by our own Company "L," the tank park, Red Cross supply, Y. M. C. A., ammunition dump at Charpentry, attended by Company "K," and mobile hospitals met the eye in every direction. The area was crowded with troops, and through it all passed the main road to the Argonne American front. Varennes was, during the drive, and later one of the liveliest "villages" in the Argonne sector. The railhead rendered it quite popular, as thousands of troops were rationed there. The "Y" handed out daily papers and chocolate, besides having a stock of supplies for sale. The "Stars and Stripes" was also on sale each week, so after the armistice the newspapers and mail from home were a very important part of our existence.

We shall never forget the night that Varennes was flooded with light, and a celebration broke loose on the strength of the reported signing of the armistice. It proved to be a few days premature, but nevertheless it was "fini la guerre."

During the drive the hospitals brought up to receive the non-transportable cases were taxed to their capacity and overflowed. We also remember quite well visiting one of the hospitals as it waited in readiness to receive the inevitable wounded. Somehow it became known that a new offensive would be launched that night, so we sat out in No-Man's Land and waited for H-hour and the voices of the cannon that were banked almost hub to hub.

The hours passed slowly, but finally, like a flash, all the furies of Hell seemed to break loose. No one could doubt the determined, business-like effect of this volume

of artillery preparation. It meant the doom of those damnable Boches as the fire played on their positions hour after hour. Then just as suddenly as it had been broken, silence rushed over the earth, though for a minute the mighty roar seemed still audible. Before noon the next day unmistakable evidence of the result of the attack was produced. Long lines of ambulances turned into the hospitals loaded with our gallant boys. And equally long lines of German prisoners were being escorted to the rear.

Third Battalion Headquarters located in "pup" tents just above the cemetery remained in Varennes until the day after Thanksgiving. As the weather was becoming disagreeable, it was decided to move into barracks at Very, the station of Company "K." This was the logical place for Battalion Headquarters with respect to the station of the other companies of the Battalion Regimental Headquarters and the personnel office.

Our troops were turned over to the salvage service, so the difficult, endless, monotonous, yet at times exciting job was entered upon, seven days per week. Company "C," 3rd C. A. P., Captain Ogilvie commanding, was also stationed at Very. He furnished us trucks, and his specialists soon had an electric light plant in operation, the power furnished by water. They also installed bath-houses. Eventually a telephone was installed. In addition to a truck assigned for rationing, we had a motor-cycle and a "flivver." All of these and more were necessary to keep in touch with the several companies and transact such business as devolved upon us.

Plans for the transportation never did pan out, not in a single instance. It was either a broken chain on the motor cycle or flat tires on the "flivver" etc. So finally the truck would be sent out to get the transportation home.

At last Sunday was ordered a holiday, so Major Cowley took advantage of this to assemble the officers of the battalion at the stations of its companies on alternating Sundays. This gave the officers of the battalion a chance to see each other, show how each was living, etc.; and it was also the occasion for pistol competition. A team from each company and Battalion Headquarters entered—and beaucoup eats afterward. The Battalion Headquarters team made the highest team and individual scores in three out of four meets.

This was mainly due to the excellent marksmanship of Major Cowley, who won the highest individual score.

During the long winter months much pleasure was derived from a phonograph supplied by the Salvation Army at Clermont. Two of the companies who had no musical instruments also had the use of it.

The Salvation Army was ever ready to serve in any way possible, and in appreciation of the spirit in which they served as well as for donations of nuts, crates of oranges, etc., the officers and men of the battalion made it a substantial voluntary offering through the adjutant.

Nor must we fail to mention the good work done by the Knights of Columbus. St. Meneshould was the nearest civilian town of importance, so it was frequently visited by the adjutant, shopping for the battalion. Each trip the K. of C. loaded the rear end of the "flivver" with magazines, stationery, cigarettes, etc., which were distributed throughout the battalion and were quite welcome indeed.

The town of Very was very most anything but a desirable place to live in. All the buildings were completely destroyed, and we witnessed the return of many of its former citizens, furnishing them with food and shelter overnight. Oftentimes these French would go to the site of their old homes, look about for a marker, stop off various numbers of steps and dig. The wonder is, that almost invariably they located treasure. Sometimes it was wine, again it was beaucoup francs, and at other times jewelry. When they failed to find it, it was marked by a characteristic shrug of the shoulder and a cussing of the Boche.

Winter passed and springtime was in the air—still no orders for home.

An educational and athletic program was instituted. The regimental commanding officer ordered the appointment of battalion athletic officers. So Third Battalion Headquarters gained an additional member in the person of 1st Lieut. R. W. Arnett, the former University of Kentucky athlete. Before Arnett's plans matured new orders were issued which made it impossible to carry out his program.

About this time an opportunity was presented to apply for the American Expeditionary Forces University at Beaune, Cote D'Or. The understanding was that those selected might complete the course which ended June 7 and then rejoin the organization if it was still in France, or join before that time if they so desired, provided the regiment was proceeding home. It looked like a safe bet, so Battalion Headquarters lost three to the American Expeditionary Forces University—the adjutant, athletic officer, and sergeant-major. Lieut. M. J. King of Company "L" was appointed acting adjutant. The first week in May word reached the members of the 805th at the American Expeditionary Forces University, that their organization was bound for Brest and home.

There was much discussion as to whether it was better to quit the interesting university courses to get home a little earlier by joining our organization, or to complete the course and return as part of the University Regiment.

The majority felt an irresistible force drawing them toward a decision of selecting the quickest way home. So the adjutant, athletic officer, and sergeant-major were among those who returned to their organization for speedy return home. All resumed their duties at Battalion Headquarters except Lieut. Arnett, who reported to Company "M."

Lieut. King of Company "L" reported for duty on March 27. At that time Battalion Headquarters was located in a box car, bound for Liffol-le-Grand (Vosges), France.

Once more the Third Battalion was in the lead, but not complete, as Company "M" was to remain behind with the regiment in the Argonne. Some two days later Third Battalion Headquarters and Company "L" arrived at Liffol-le-Grand, Company "L" was to handle the excess equipment of home going divisions, Company "I" was located at Dommartin, St. Rue, some seventy-five kilometers west and was soon busily engaged in wrecking American barracks. Company "K" was located some twenty-five kilometers south, at Bourmont (Haute Marne), reporting for duty with the local engineers.

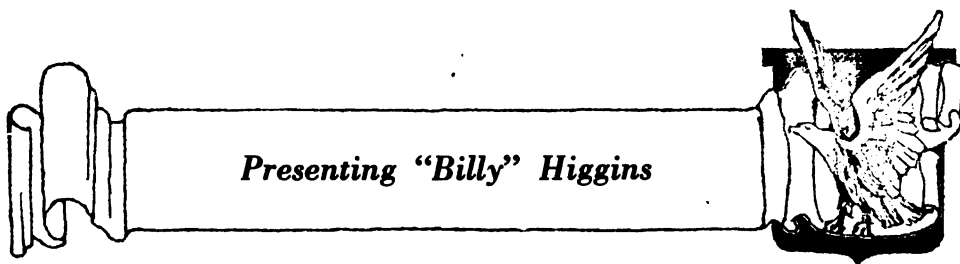
The following two weeks were busy ones for Battalion Headquarters, keeping in touch with companies by flivvers and with Captain Gleason by 'phone. It was also necessary to build a Battalion Headquarters and officers' quarters, as our new home was in the south end of a huge warehouse. But with the united efforts of all the officers of Battalion Headquarters and Company "L", we soon had very comfortable quarters.

It was quite an agreeable change for both men and officers, and there was something doing in the entertainment line almost every night.

During our short stay at Liffol-le-Grand, Lieut. Gallagher of Company "L" built up a very creditable track team, which later took part in the Advance Section Athletic Meet at Le Mans.

But no sooner were we settled and making a name for the Third Battalion when the news came that we were to report for duty with the Engineers at Le Mans. But such news was short lived, as it was straightway cancelled, and instead, we were soon on our way to Brest.

April 30 the Third Battalion, as usual still in the lead, had arrived at Brest, and the rest is easy—home June 27.



"LOOKY yonder, looky yonder!"

It's Color Sgt. Billy Higgins, dressed up in overalls, a cutaway coat, a derby hat, and a red bandana handkerchief, with a 50-carat stove polish shine on his face and an inch-wide border of pink grease paint around his mouth.

Billy was the star of the vaudeville show.

He was still languishing out in Detention Camp No. 2, where all recruits who came to Camp Funston were sent until the Medicos were sure they hadn't anything catching, when word got about of his presence.

A regimental show was in the wind and the colored troops at Funston and the outlying camps were combed for talent. Higgins had been an actor in his civilian days and he was borrowed and given a pass to go to Kansas City and get his make-up.

As all who attended will testify, the first regimental show at the Liberty theatre was a grand success. Everybody was there.

Billy Higgins took the house by storm. The packed theatre was in a roar from the moment he came upon the stage.

"Higgins must be in the 805th!" Colonel Humphrey decreed, and the necessary applications were put in and followed up. And Pvt. Higgins joined the regiment just before it left for Europe.

Whenever the train stopped and the men filed out to get a bite of Red Cross sandwiches, Higgins would get on a chair and sing "Everything," or "Mason-Dixon Line," and other ditties that were irresistible.

When the Bearcats landed in Camp Upton, N. Y., and started for Europe on board the Saxonia, Higgins was the chief entertainer during the entire trip of fourteen days.

After moving headquarters to Chatel Chehery, the organizing of a regimental show began. The men got together and soon were entertaining the many guests of the 805th Pioneer Infantry, among whom were the Congressional Committee on Military Affairs, the Staff College of the American Expeditionary Forces, and many other visitors of high rank. They were glad to meet the 805th and spoke of the regimental show all over the American Expeditionary Forces.

Consequently, prior to our leaving for Brest, a tour of the Advance Section S. O. S. was arranged, and the Bearcat Entertainers made a hit wherever they played. When they rejoined the regiment in Brest, the Bearcat show was billed almost every night. Some of the popular songs that Higgins starred with were:

"Somewhere between here and Yonder."

"Shooting across the Rhine."

"There's a great Day coming when you Lay that Gang Plank down."

"Oh! Doc, then I'll go with you."

One of Billy Higgins' "features" was a prayer which went as follows:

"Our father which art in Washington,

"Baker be thy name.

"May the telegrams fly to Chatel-Chehery, as they do at G. H. Q.

"Forgive the mess sergeant and the top-kicker, and all those who wear bars and trespass against us.

"Oh, lead us not into the Army of Occupation,

"And deliver us from another service stripe.

"Give us a boat that we may see some blue water and go to God's country,

"And live in peace forever and ever—eight Men."

The choruses of some of the most popular songs are here given:

"Bull Frog Hop"

Chorus: Commence to wiggle from side to side,
Git away back and do the Mobile Glide;
Then you do the shimmy with so much spice,
Stoop low, hey Bo!
Stew the rice, do the seven-year itch and the possom trot.
Then you scratch the gravel in a vacant lot,
Slap your hands and then you squat—
That's that bullfrog hop.

"You'll Find Dixie Land in France"

Chorus: You remember dancing Mose,
Folks all called him tickle-toes.
You'll find him over there in France;
Alexander's band left old Dixie Land.
They used to play the lovin' blues for everyone,
But now they play the blues upon the gattlin' gun.
Don't forget old Shimmy Sam, finest boy from Alabam,
He went a-way in kha-ki pants!!!
Instead of pickin' melons off the vine,
He's pickin' Germans off the Rhine—
You'll find old Dixie Land in France.

Other favorites were:

"There's Lump of Sugar Down in Dixie."

"And Everything."

"Somebody's done me Wrong."

One of his best military songs was:

"Shootin' Cross the Rhine"

Chorus: The first thing you do is when attention's called,
Stand up straight, one and all,
Forward march, column right—keep your interval—
Then you close up tight.
Company halt—'bout face—
Stand at ease with style and grace.
Squad's right and double time—
That's the dance that made the Kaiser
Get back 'cross the Rhine.

Lieut. Leonce R. Legendre of the Headquarters Company was in charge of the show and the band.

The Bearcat Baseball Team

AS soon as the opening of the 1919 spring permitted, baseball got under way. Athletic equipment was obtained from the Y. M. C. A. and the Knights of Columbus, and almost every company put a team in the field.

The diamond at Chateau de Chehery, between the road and the Aire river, was the scene of many encounters.

Captain George M. Bragan of the Headquarters Company took a great deal of interest in his team and was made manager of the Regimental Team with authority to call upon any company commander for the services of any enlisted man in the regiment whom he might want. Almost every company was represented.

As soon as the regiment reached Camp Pontanezen, the value of its spring training up in the Argonne showed to advantage. As the accompanying scores will show, it was never beaten.

Blackburn, Foote, Drake, and Keyes were the main pitching stars, and they were all very popular with the regiment.

The final game with the 807th was played when both teams were somewhat stale, and the score was 10 to 9. In no other game did the Bearcats allow their opponents more than three runs.

At some of the games the attendance was more than 5,000. The team brought fame to its regiment. Its motto was, like that of the regiment: Why Not Excellent? It could not think of losing.

Colonel Humphrey was almost always present.



THE FAMOUS 805th BASE BALL TEAM.

Players from left to right—standing—Withers (mascot), Rucker (left field), Keys (pitch), Foote (pitch), Ray (catch), Cox (catch), Drake (pitch), Greene (3rd base). Sitting—left to right—Crump (catch), Porter (right field), Wyatt (catch), Sewell (short stop), Blackburn (pitch), Johnson (pitch), Demery (left field), King (2nd base).

BEARCAT CHAMPS.

HERE IS THE FINAL RECORD OF THE 605th PIONEER INFANTRY BASEBALL TEAM:

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800th Pioneer Infantry	14	510th Engineers	3
800th Pioneer Infantry	9	800th Pioneer Infantry	2
800th Pioneer Infantry	4	Headquarters	0
800th Pioneer Infantry	9	Base Section 5	0
800th Pioneer Infantry	10	800th Pioneer Infantry	0

You Can't Beat This



The Diamond at Chateau de Chehery



Captain Bragan Folds His Arms and Awaits Developments



All Fans



Play Ball, Says Lieutenant Lewis



The Bleachers



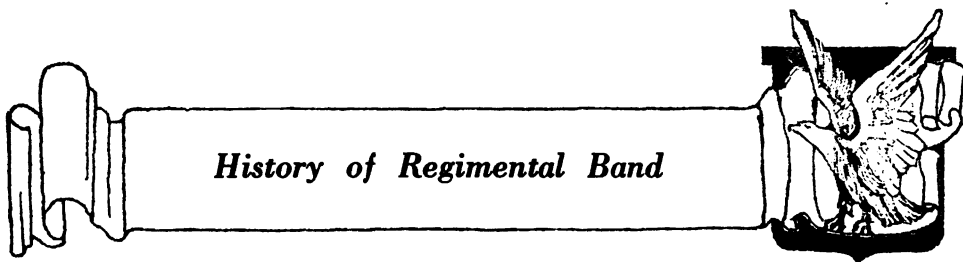
Five Complete Batteries



Billy Higgins with His Jazzers Pulling
For a Hit



The Unbeatable "Bearcats." They Played on the Square and Won



History of Regimental Band

DESPITE the fact that the regiment contained from the start a large number of men who were skilled musicians, it was impossible to organize the band until after the regiment had been in Europe for some time. Instruments were requisitioned at Camp Funston, but they had not been received when the regiment departed.

There was at Kansas City, Missouri, a band of colored men, whose leader was anxious to have them enlist collectively in the 805th Pioneer Infantry. Colonel Humphrey, who was very anxious to enlist this band, took the matter up with General Wood, who wired the War Department as follows:

"Permission is requested to accept the voluntary enlistment of forty-five colored men for the 805th Pioneer Infantry Regiment, this Camp. These men are now organized as a band in Kansas City, and Regimental Commander, 805th Infantry, desires their enlistment with a view to forming a Regimental Band. Wood."

This telegram was endorsed back by the War Department under date of August 3, as follows:

"The request for authority for the enlistment of forty-five men collectively for the band, 805th Pioneer Infantry, is not approved. The enlistment from this band of all individuals not within the draft age who are qualified is authorized. Attention is invited to the form enclosed herewith showing the manner in which applications must be made for the induction of men within the draft age. By order of the Secretary of War. Alfred L. Nusakiski, Adjutant General."

Before this was received, however, the War Department issued an order prohibiting enlistments of this kind. Consequently, it was necessary to discontinue efforts to organize a band in this manner.

Requisition was again put in for instruments in the American Expeditionary Forces, but was returned with the information that only Regular Army regiments could draw instruments.

It looked as though the regiment, brimming over with music, was to be required to go without. On December 28 Colonel Humphrey sent Captain Paul S. Bliss with an order to "bring back a set of band instruments." Captain Bliss brought the case before the Entertainment Committees of the Y. M. C. A. and Red Cross, and the Y. M. C. A. immediately contributed a small bass drum and a snare drum and some "effects", and promised some more instruments later. The Red Cross, through Major Harold Auber, responded immediately, and provided a large box of instruments.

Captain Bliss brought these back by "grande vitesse" (express). With the assistance of the baggage-master at Bar-le-Duc he transferred his freight between three o'clock and six, January 1, 1919, from the wide gauge to the narrow gauge station, and it was necessary to transfer the freight again en route, but he arrived finally at Auzeville and brought the instruments to the chateau at Chatel-Chehery, via Clermont, in time for New Year's dinner.

The box was unpacked with the assistance of the musically inclined members of the Headquarters Company, with all the officers looking on, and it may be said that the band dated from that moment, for it was actually playing music that afternoon.

First Lieut. Leonce R. Legendre of the Headquarters Company was placed in charge of the musicians. Pvt. George L. Polk was made assistant leader, and soon promoted to that grade, and Sgt. Middleton B. Polk was made drum-major.

The band men took up their quarters in the large, partly-demolished house in the rear of the chateau and set to work. Before any one was aware of it, Lieut. Legendre announced that the band would give its first concert. Two weeks after its organization it played a concert for the members of the General Staff College, who were guests at the chateau on a staff ride.

About this time Major Erastus H. Williams, Second Battalion, returned from a trip to St. Aignan with a large box of additional instruments which he had picked up in various quarters from friends in the service.

It was now possible to complete the band's personnel. The first outside concert was given at Evacuation Hospital No. 10, Froidos.

The band was formally organized as a band under Special Order 55, Par. 1, Headquarters, 805th Pioneer Infantry, dated February 24, 1919, when twenty-five enlisted men of various grades from other companies in the regiment who had been on special duty were formally transferred to the Headquarters Company, and were given various band grades. Those in the Headquarters Company were given band grades under Par. 3, Special Orders 55, same date.

One section of the band was developed as a "Jazz Orchestra," and soon gained fame over the Argonne-Meuse Area. The band was sent out to various companies of the regiment and to other organizations as often as opportunity permitted.

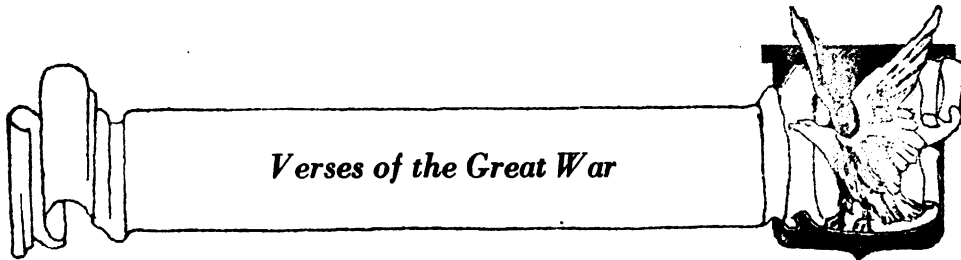
It continued to improve, and until the regiment was disbanded a day seldom passed that did not see the band in action.



COLONEL HUMPHREY AND "HEADQUARTERS" AT BREST

Headquarters Company on Right; Supply Company on left with all the officers of the Regiment in the foreground. The Band is shown in the center of the picture.





Verses of the Great War

The following three poems are regarded as among the best the war has produced. Published by permission.

The Soldier

If I should die, think only this of me:
That there's some corner of a foreign field
That is for ever England. There shall be
In that rich earth a richer dust concealed;
A dust whom England bore, shaped, made
aware,
Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways
to roam,
A body of England's, breathing English air,
Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of
home.

And think, this heart, all evil shed away,
A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
Gives somewhere back the thoughts by
England given;
Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as
her day;
And laughter, learnt of friends; and
gentleness,
In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

RUPERT BROOKE.

(The unforgettable tribute to his native England, by an English poet who died at Gallipoli.)

I Have a Rendezvous With Death

I have a rendezvous with Death
At some disputed barricade;
When Spring comes back with rustling shade
And apple blossoms fill the air—
I have a rendezvous with Death
When Spring brings back blue days and fair.
It may be he shall take my hand
And lead me into his dark land,
And close my eyes and quench my breath—
It may be I shall pass him still.
I have a rendezvous with Death
On some scarred slope of battered hill,
When Spring comes round again this year
And the first meadow flowers appear.

God knows 'twere better to be deep
Pillowed on silk and scented down,
Where love throbs out in blissful sleep,
Pulse nigh to pulse, and breath to breath,
Where hushed awakenings are dear—

But I've a rendezvous with Death,
At midnight in some flaming town,
When Spring trips north again this year,
And I to my pledged word am true,
I shall not fail that rendezvous.

ALAN SEEGER.

(American poet who died on the battlefield of France. He was a student at Harvard University.)

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

JOHN MCCRAE.

(Canadian Lieutenant Colonel, Medical Corps, who died in his own hospital of pneumonia.)

Here are some from "Yanks," a collection of verse written by men of the A. E. F. and sent to the "Stars and Stripes," the Expeditionary Force newspaper:

Just Thinkin'

Standin' up here on the fire-step,
Lookin' ahead in the mist,
With a tin hat over your ivory
With a rifle clutched in your fist;
Waitin' and watchin' and wond'rin'
If the Hun's comin' over tonight—
Say, ain't the thing you think of
Enough to give you a fright?

Things you ain't even thought of
 For a couple o' months or more;
 Things that 'ull set you laughin',
 Things that 'ull make you sore;
 Things that you saw in the movies,
 Things that you saw on the street,
 Things that you're really proud of,
 Things that are—not so sweet.

Debts that are past collectin',
 Stories you hear and forget,
 Ball games and birthday parties,
 Hours of drill in the wet;
 Headlines, recruitin' posters,
 Sunsets 'way out at sea,
 Evenings of pay days—golly,
 It's a queer thing, this memory!

Faces of pals in Homeburg,
 Voices of women folk,
 Verses you learnt in schooldays,
 Pop up in the mist and smoke,
 As you stand there, grippin' that rifle,
 A-starin', and chilled to the bone,
 Wonderin' and wonderin' and wonderin',
 Just thinkin' there—all alone!

When will the war be over?
 When will the gang break through?
 What will the U. S. look like?
 What will there be to do?
 Where will the Boches be then?
 Who will have married Nell?
 When's that relief a-comin' up?
 Gosh! But this thinkin's hell!

HUDSON HAWLEY, Pvt., M. G. Bn.

Dad's Letters

My dad ain't just the letter writin' kind—
 He'd rather let the women see to that;
 He's got a mess o' troubles on his mind,
 And likes to keep 'em underneath his hat.

And p'raps because he isn't very strong
 On talkin', why, he's kind o' weak on ink;
 But he can work like sin the whole year long,
 And, cricky, how that dad o' mine can think!

When I set out from Homeville last July,
 He didn't bawl the way my sister did;
 He just shook hands and says, "Well, boy,
 goodbye."
 (He's got his feelin's, but he keeps 'em hid.)

And so when mother writes about the things
 That I spend half my time a-thinkin' of,
 There's one short line that every letter brings:
 "Father will write, and meanwhile sends
 his love."

"Father will write," Well, some day p'raps he will—

There's lot of funny prophecies come true;
 But if he just keeps promisin' to, still,
 I'll understand, and dad'll know I do.

Corp'ral's Chevrons

Oh, the General with his shiny stars, leadin'
 a parade,
 The Colonel and the Adjutant a-sportin' of
 their braid,
 The Major and the Skipper—none of 'em look
 so fine
 As a newly minted corp'ral comin' down
 the line!

Oh, the Bishop in his mitre, pacin' up the
 aisle,
 The Governor, frock-coated, with a votes-for-
 women smile,
 The Congressman, the Mayor, aren't in it,
 I opine,
 With a newly minted corp'ral comin' down
 the line!

Home is Where the Pie is

"Home is where the heart is"—
 Thus the poet sang;
 But "home is where the pie is"
 For the doughboy gang.
 Crullers in the craters,
 Pastry in abris—
 Our Salvation Army lass
 Sure knows how to please!

Watch her roll the pie crust
 Mellower than gold;
 Watch her place it neatly
 Within its ample mold;
 Sniff the grand aroma
 While it slowly bakes—
 Though the whine of Minnie shells
 Echoes far awakes.

Tin hat for a halo!
 Ah, she wears it well!
 Making pies for homesick lads
 Sure is "beating hell;"
 In a region blasted
 By fire and flame and sword,
 Our Salvation Army lass
 Battles for the Lord!

Call me sacrilegious,
 And irreverent, too;
 Pies? They link us up with home
 As naught else can do!
 "Home is where the heart is"—
 True, the poet sang;
 But, "home is where the pie is"
 To the Yankee gang!

The New Army

Who are those soldiers
Who go marching down?
They're the young fellows
Of your old home town.

The butcher's son, the baker's,
His Honor's lad, too;
The old casual mixture
Of Gentile and Jew.

Don't they march manly!
Ay, they step light;
And soon by the papers
Ye'll see they can fight!
R. R. KIRK, S. S. U.

The Tank

Oh, she's nothin' sweet to look at an' no
symphony to hear;
She ain't no pome of beauty, that's a
cinch—
She howls like Holy Jumpin' when a feller
shifts a gear,
But she's sure a lovey-dovey in a pinch.
Just head her straight for Berlin and no
matter what the road,
Or whether it's just trenches, trees and
mud,
And I'll guarantee she'll get there with her
precious human load
And her treads a-drippin' red with Ger-
man blood.
Oh, you tank! tank! tank!
She's a pippin, she's a daisy, she's
a dream!
Where the star-shells are a-lightin' up the
thickest of the fightin',
She'll be sailin' like a demon through
the gleam.
If the way is rough and stony and the
vantage point is far,
Just slip her into high and hang on tight,
Shove your foot down on the throttle and to
hell with all the jar—
She'll take you clean from here to out of
sight.
'Course you've got to clean and scrub her
same as any piece of tin
That's worth the smoke to blow her up the
flue;
But just whisper to her gently, pat her back
and yell "Giddap!"
And there ain't a thing she wouldn't do
for you.
Oh, you tank! tank! tank!
She's a Lulu, she's a cuckoo!
She's the goods!
When the Boches see you comin', they will
set the air to hummin'
A-wavin' of their legs to reach the
woods.

When the last great rush is over and the
last grim trench is past,
She will roll in high right through old
Berlin town,
Her grim old sides a-shakin' and her innerds
raisin' hob,
Intent on runnin' Kaiser William down.
Then she'll find him and we'll bind him to
her grindin', tearin' treads,
And we'll start her rollin' on the road
to hell,
Shove her into high and leave her, tie her
bloomin' throttle down—
We'll say she's lived her life and lived
it well.

Oh, you tank! tank! tank!
She's a devil! She's a dandy!
She's sublime!
When her grimy hide goes hurlin' through
the dirty streets of Berlin,
Watch the goose step change to
Yankee double time!

RICHARD C. COLBURN, Sgt., Tank Corps.

Letters

My buddy reads his letters to me, and, say,
he sure can write!
I have to sit and chew my pen and even
then
The way it reads when I get through I know
it's pretty sad
As far as composition goes; the grammar,
too, is bad.
But talk about—gee, he can sling the ink to
beat the band,
And picture everything he's seen a way that
sure is grand.

I got him to write a note to my gal and,
golly, it was fine!
I copied it and signed my name, but, all
the same,
It didn't seem to please her, for she wrote
in her reply
She'd read it several times and it didn't
sound like I
Was sayin' exactly what I meant and was
I feelin' good;
I'm kind of glad she took it so—in fact, I
hoped she would.

MEL RYDER, Sgt. Major, Inf.

Toujours le Meme

No matter how wise or how foolish
The company's cook may be,
When down at the table we're seated,
Two things we all plainly can see;
When we look at the chow
There's the bosom of sow,
And beans—beans—beans.

If quartered in city or country,
 The cook never misses his aim;
 If messing in swamp or on mountain,
 Two things will remain quite the same;
 Though it may cause a row,
 We get bosom of sow,
 And beans—beans—beans.

When tasks for the day are all ended,
 And weary are body and brain,
 Small matter it makes if we're eating
 Indoors, or outside in the rain,
 The cook makes his bow
 With the bosom of sow,
 And beans—beans—beans.

Of all that I've learned in the Army,
 This fact I am sure I know well—
 And others are certain to tell you—
 The soldier's worst picture of hell
 Is thrice daily chow
 With the bosom of sow,
 And beans—beans—beans.

VANCE C. CRISS, Corp., Engrs.

I Love Corned Beef

I LOVE corned beef—I never knew
 How good the stuff COULD taste in stew!
 I love it WET, I love it DRY,
 I love it baked and called MEAT PIE.
 I love it camouflaged in HASH—
 A hundred bucks I'd give—in CASH
 To have a BARREL of such chow
 A-standing here before me now.
 I say "YUM YUM" when "soupie" blows,
 I SNIFF and raise aloft my nose:
 CORNED WILLIE! Ha! Oh, BOY, that's
 FINE!
 Can hardly keep my place in LINE.
 I kick my heels and wildly yell:
 "Old Sherman said that 'WAR IS HELL,'
 But GLADLY would I bear the heat
 If corned beef I could get to eat!"
 I love it HOT—I love it COLD,
 Corned Willie never WILL grow old.
 I love it—now PAUSE—listen, friend:
 When to this war there comes an end
 And PEACE upon the earth shall reign,
 I'll hop a boat for HOME again.
 Then to a RESTAURANT I'll speed—
 No dainty MANNERS will I heed—
 But to the waiter I will cry:
 "Bring me—well, make it corned beef PIE!
 And—better bring some corned beef STEW,
 And corned beef COLD—I'll take that, too,
 And—man, don't think I'm CRAZY,
 But could you bring a corned beef CAN?
 And—WAIT!—I'm not through ORDERING
 yet—
 I want a SIRLOIN STEAK—you BET,
 With hash browned SPUDS—now, LISTEN,
 friend,
 I've got the CASH, you may depend—

Right HERE it is—let's see, I'll try—
 Oh, bring a piece of hot MINCE PIE
 And ALL this stuff that's printed here;
 My appetite is HUGE, I fear."

Then, when he's filled my festive board
 With all these eats, I'll thank the Lord,
 (For that's the PROPER thing to do),
 And then I'll take the corned beef STEW,
 The corned beef PIE, and corned beef COLD,
 The corned beef CAN I'll then take hold
 And RAM the whole WORKS into it
 And say: "NOW, damn you, THERE you'll
 sit.

You've haunted every DREAM I've had—
 You don't know what shame IS, egad!
 Now SIT there, Bo—See how you FEEL—
 And watch me eat a REG'LAR meal!"

A. P. B.

Hoggin' It

Well, I've eaten food sublime, and I've eaten
 food that's rotten,
 From Alaska's coldest corner to where the
 landscape's cotton;
 At times there has been plenty, then there's
 times when there's been none,
 And I've kept me upper stiffest, for com-
 painin' I'm not one.
 But it's now that I'm protestin'—oh, I've
 suffered silence long—
 It's fancy food I'm cravin' for me system's
 going wrong.

Oh, it's bacon, bacon, bacon,
 Till your belly's fairly achin'
 For some biscuits or some hot cakes that in
 your mouth would melt;
 There's no German dog could dare me,
 No fear of death would scare me,
 If I only had some chicken a la King be-
 neath me belt.

Now I read where Mr. Hoover tells the folks
 to lay off hoggin',
 We'll be needin' lots of grub to put the Fritz
 on the toboggan;
 And the way that they've responded makes
 you feel so awful proud
 That you'd like to meet old Bill to take his
 measure for a shroud.
 Lord, it's plenty that we're gettin', but I'd
 be dancin' jigs
 If they'd pass an order home to stop a-killin'
 off the pigs.

For it's bacon, bacon, bacon,
 Till your very soul is shakin'—
 If I could pick me eatin', it's a different song
 I'd sing;
 I'd not miss a raidin' party,
 For patrol I'd be quite hearty,
 Oh, I'd swap me chance of Heaven for some
 chicken a la King.

MED. MIQ.

Allies

The French, the British, and the Portugee,
Captain, or colonel, or king though he be,
Gives a salute in response to me,
Buck private in Uncle Sam's Infantry.
There's much that a soldier's salute implies,
But it means the most when it means,
"We're Allies!"

In Belgium and France and Italy
They talk in ways that are Greek to me,
But the speech of soldiers' courtesy
Is a Lingua Franca wherever you be.
With a single gesture, I recognize
That I am one of the Twenty Allies.

I never could tell just why it should be
That the first salute should be up to me
In this queer, new army democracy,
But every commander must answer me,
British, or French, or Indo-Chinee,
Captain, or colonel, or king though he be.
There's much that a soldier's salute implies,
But it means the most when it means,
"We're Allies!"

MERRITT Y. HUGHES, Pvt., Inf.

The Old Overseas Cap

The war of the Trojans and all the Greek
crew
Was fought for the sake of a fair lady who
Went absent without leave, for weal or for
woe,
And took her permission to Paris to go.

All Greeks grasped steel helmets and trench
knives and tanks
And wheel teams and chariots and fell into
ranks.
Shipping boards gave no trouble with quar-
rels or slips:
The beauty of Helen had launched all the
ships.

All cautioned their sweethearts that since
they must go,
To keep home hearths heated, on flirting
go slow;
For each warrior was off to the battle and
strife
To make the world safe for a good looking
wife.

But they'd never have fought if they'd read
Helen's note,
Which just before leaving she hastily wrote:
"Menelaus just entered our once happy home
With an overseas cap on the top of his
dome!"

FAIRFAX D. DOWNEY, 1st Lt., F. A.

Trench Mud

We have heard of Texas gumbo
And the mud in the Philippines,
Where, if we had legs like Jumbo,
The mud would cover our jeans.
But never did we get a chance
To feel real mud till we hit France.

Our shoes are deep in it,
We often sleep in it,
We almost weep in it—
It's everywhere;
We have to fight in it,
And vent our spite in it.
We look a sight in it,
But we don't care!

The mud that lies in No Man's Land
Is as thick on the other side,
And where the Germans make their stand
Is where we'll make them slide,
For our hob-nailed shoes will force a way,
And we'll knock them cold—for the U. S. A.

Though we must eat in it,
Wash our feet in it,
Try to look neat in it,
This mud and slime;
Though we get sore in it,
Grumble and roar in it,
We'll win the war in it
In our good time!

JOHN J. CURTIN, Sgt., Inf.

To Buddy

It's a tough fight for you, Buddy,
And it takes a heap of grit
To stick and win
And keep your grin
When you're in the thick of it.

It's no cinch for you, Buddy,
When the dreams with which you came
Melt into naught
As you are taught
The horrid, bitter game.

It's a hard pull for you, Buddy,
And oft times it look damned blue,
But square your chin
And vow to win,
And play the game clean through.

For there's a great time coming, Buddy,
A time worth waiting for,
When Kultur's done
And all is won,
And the boys come home from war.

Oh, she'll be waiting, Buddy,
And the lovelight in her eye
Will shine with joy
As Her Big Boy
Goes proudly marching by.

It's a hard road for you, Buddy,
But it's more than worth the game
To buck all fears
So Mother's tears
Will be for joy, not shame.

HOWARD J. GREEN, Corp., Inf.

Goodbye

Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye,
We're on the seas for France,
We're on our way to make them pay
The piper for the dance.
To starboard and to port
Our paint-splotted convoys toss,
Grim thunderbolts in rainbow garb,
We jam a path across.
Our guns are slugged and set
To smack the U-boat's eye—
God help the Hun that tries his luck—
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye.

Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye,
The decks are deep with men,
We're going to God knows what,
We'll be back God knows when.
Old friends are at our sides,
Old songs drift out to sea,
Oh, it is good to go to war
In such a company.
The sun is on the waves
That race to meet the sky,
Where strange new shores reach out to us—
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye.

Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye,
A long and weary while,
Through all the drab and empty days,
Remember us and smile.
Our good ship shoulders on
Along a lane of foam,
And every turn the screw goes round
Is farther still from home.
We'll miss the things we left,
The more the white miles fly,
So keep them till we come again—
Goodbye, goodbye, goodbye.

Poilu

You're a funny fellow, poilu, in your dinky
little cap
And your war worn, faded uniform of blue,
With your multitude of haversacks abulge
from heel to flap,
And your rifle that is 'most as big as you.
You were made for love and laughter, for
good wine and merry song,
Now your sunlit world has sadly gone
astray,
And the road today you travel stretches rough
and red and long,
Yet you make it, petit soldat, brave and
gay.

Though you live within the shadow, fagged
and hungry half the while,
And your days and nights are racking in
the line,
There is nothing under heaven that can take
away your smile,
Oh, so wistful and so patient and so fine.
You are tender as a woman with the tiny
ones who crowd
To upraise their lips and for your kisses
pout,
Still, we'd hate to have to face you when the
bugle's sounding loud
And your slim, steel sweetheart Rosalie is
out.

You're devoted to mustaches which you twirl
with such an air
O'er a cigarette with nigh an inch to run,
And quite often you are noticed in a beard
that's full of hair,
But that heart of yours is always twenty-
one.

No, you do not "parlee English," and you
find it very hard,
For you want to chum with us and words
you lack;
So you pat us on the shoulder and say, 'Nous
sommes comarades.'
We are that, my poilu, pal, to hell and
back.

STEUART M. EMERY, Pvt., M. P.

When the General Came to Town

We wuz workin' in th' offus—
That is, all exceptin' me—
An' I wuz jest a-settin',
As a orderly should be,

When a feller wearin' eagles
Perchin' on his shoulder straps,
Poked his head right in th' winder,
An' he talks right out an' snaps,

"Who's th' officer commandin'
Over this detachment here?"
An' th' looeey he salutes him,
While us rest wuz feelin' queer.

"I am, sir," th' looeey tells him,
Wonderin' what th' row's about.
"Pershing's comin' in five minits,"
Says th' kernel. "All troops out."

Gosh, how we did hurry,
For we looked a doggone fright—
Some had hats a-missin',
An' they warn't a coat in sight.

First we cleaned up in th' offus,
Then we swept up in th' street,
An' it wasn't many seconds
Till th' place wuz hard t' beat.

Next we hunted up our clothin',
Borried some an' swiped some more,
Then th' looey got us standin'
In a line afore th' door.

Mighty soon around th' corner
Come two scrumptious lookin' cars,
An' they wasn't any license
On th' first one—'cept four stars.

When th' car had stopped right sudden,
Then th' ginerel he stepped out,
An' without much parley-voooin'
He begin t' look about.

An' th' Frenchmen come a-flockin',
An' they couldn't understand
Why he warn't a-wearin' medals,
An' gold braid t' beat th' band.

Then he made a little lectur,
Givin' all them Frenchman thanks,
Since they'd acted mighty kind-like
In a-dealin' with his Yanks.

All th' peepul started clappin'
When his talk kum to a close,
An' a purty little lassie
Offered him a dandy rose.

Shore he tuk it, smilin' pleasant,
Like a gift he couldn't miss—
An' th' little maid wuz happy
When he paid her with a kiss.

When he stepped into his auto,
An' he hurried on his way—
While us guys went back t' workin',
Feelin' we had had SOME day.

VANCE C. CRISS, Corp., Engrs.

Seicheprey

A handful came to Seicheprey
When winter woods were bare,
When ice was in the trenches
And snow was in the air.
The foe looked down on Seicheprey
And laughed to see them there.

The months crept by at Seicheprey;
The growing handful stayed,
With growling guns at midnight,
At dawn, the lightning raid,
And learned, in Seicheprey trenches,
How war's red game is played.

September came to Seicheprey;
A slow-wrought host arose
And rolled across the trenches
And whelmed its sneering foes,
And left to shattered Seicheprey
Unending, sweet repose.

J. M. H.

The Return of the Refugees

They pick their way o'er the shell-pocked
road
As the evening shadows fall,
A man and woman, their eyes a-gleam
With awe at war's black pall.

The straggling strands of her snowy hair
Are tossed in the wind's rude breath;
His frail form shakes as the whistling gusts
Sweep o'er the fields of death.

With straining eyes, hearts beating fast,
They seek to gaze ahead
To where they left their little home
When from the Hun they fled.

'Neath the heights of a hill o'erlooking the
vale,
Half hid in a purple shade,
The dim outline of the town comes to view,
And they hasten down the glade.

At last the town, the street, and home!
But God! Can it be this?—
This pile of stones, this hideous hulk,
This gaping orifice?

The sun has set. The evening star
Sends down its soothing light.
Gone are the tears; their hearts are strong—
"For God, for France, and Right!"

FREDERICK W. KURTH, Sgt., M. T. D.

As the Trucks Go Rollin' By

There's a rumble an' a jumble an' a bumpin'
an' a thud,
As I wakens from my restless sleep here in
my bed o' mud,
'N' I pull my blankets tighter underneath
my shelter fly,
An' I listen to the thunder o' the trucks
a-rollin' by.

They're jumpin' an' they're humpin' through
the inky gloom o' night,
'N' I wonder how them drivers see without a
glim o' light;
I c'n hear the clutches roarin' as they throw
the gears in high,
An' the radiators boilin' as the trucks go
rollin' by.

There's some a-draggin' cannons, you c'n spot
the sound all right—
The rumblin' ones is heavy, an' the rattly
ones is light;
The clinkin' shells is pointin' up their noses
at the sky—
Oh, you c'n tell what's passin' as the trucks
go rollin' by.

But most of 'em is packin' loads o' human
Yankee freight
That'll slam the 'ol soft pedal ontuh Heinie's
hymn o' hate;
You c'n hear 'em singin' "Dixie," and the
"Sweet Bye 'N' Bye,"
'N' "Where Do we Go from Here, Boys?"
as the trucks go rollin' by.

Some's singin' songs as, when I left, they
wasn't even ripe
(A showin' 'at they's rookies wot ain't got
a service stripe),
But just the same they're good old Yanks,
and that's the reason why
I likes the jazz 'n' barber shop o' the trucks
a-rollin' by.

Jus' God and Gen'ral Pershing knows where
these here birds'll light,
Where them bumpin' trucks is bound for
under camouflage o' night,
When they can't take aero pitchers with
their Fokkers in the sky
Of our changes o' location by the trucks
a-rollin' by.

So altho' my bed is puddles an' I'm soaked
through to the hide,
My heart's out with them doughboys on their
bouncin', singin' ride,
They're bound for paths o' glory, or, p'raps,
to fight 'n' die—
God bless that Yankee cargo in the trucks
a-rollin' by.

L. W. SUCKERT, 1st Lt., A. S.

"Hommes 40, Chevaux 8"

Roll, roll, roll, over the rails of France,
See the world and its map unfurled, five
centimes in your pants.
What a noble trip, jolt and jog and jar,
Forty we, with Equipment C in one flat-
wheeled box-car.

We are packed by hand,
Shoved aboard in 'teens,
Pour a little oil on us
And we would be sardines.

Rations? Oo-la-la! and how we love the
man
Who learned how to intern our chow in a
cold and clammy can.
Beans and beef and beans, beef and beans
and beef,
Willie raw, he will win the war, take in your
belt a reef.

Mess kits flown the coop,
Cups gone up the spout;
Use your thumbs for issue forks,
And pass the bull about.

Hit the floor for bunk, six hommes to one
homme's place;
It's no fair to the bottom layer to kick 'em
in the face.
Move the corp'ral's feet out of my left ear;
Lay off, sarge, you are much too large, I'm
not a bedsack, dear.

Lift my head up, please,
From this bag of bread;
Put it on somebody's chest,
Then I'll sleep like the dead.

Roll, roll, roll, yammer and snore and fight,
Traveling zoo the whole day through and
bedlam all the night.
Four days in the cage, going from hither
hence;
Ain't it great to ride by freight at good old
Unc's expense?

If I Were a Cootie

If I were a cootie (pro-Ally, of course),
I'd hie me away on a Potsdam-bound horse,
And I'd seek out the Kaiser (the war-mad-
dened cuss),
And I'd be a bum cootie if I didn't muss
His Imperial hide from his head to his toe!
He might hide from the bombs, but I'd give
him no show!
If I were a cootie, I'd deem it my duty
To thus treat the Kaiser,
Ah, oui!

And after I'd thoroughly covered Bill's area,
I'd hasten away to the Prince of Bavaria,
And chew him a round or two—under the
Linden—
Then pack up my things and set out for old
Hinden—
(Old Hindy's the guy always talking 'bout
straffing)—
To think what I'd do to that bird sets me
laughin!
If I were a cootie, I'd deem it my duty
To thus treat the Prince and old Hindy,
Ah, oui!

I'd ne'er get fed up on Imperial gore—
I might rest for a while, but I'd go back for
more.
I'd spend a few days with that Austrian
crew,
And young Carl himself I'd put down for a
chew;
They'd be no meatless days for this cootie, I
know,
They'd all get one jolly good straffing or so.
For if I were a cootie, I'd deem it my duty
To thus treat their damnships,
Ah, oui!

A. P. BOWEN, Sgt., R. T. O.

Me—And War Goin' On

Me!—a-leadin' a column!
Me!—that women have loved!
Me, a-leadin' a column o' Yanks, an' tracin'
Her name in the Stars!
Me, that ain't seen the purple hills before all
mixed in the skies
With the gray dawn meltin' to azure there;
Me, that ain't a poet, growin' poetic;
An' the flash o' the guns on the skyline,
An' red wine—an' France!
An' me laughin'—and War!
An' Slim Jim singin' a song;
An' a lop-eared mule a-kickin' a limber
An' axles 'thout no grease hollerin' Maggie
at me!
Me, that women have loved—
An' War goin' on!

Mornin' comin',
An' me—a-leadin' a column
Along o' them from the College,
Along o' them from the Streets,
An' them as had mothers that spiled them,
and them as hadn't,—
Lovin' names in the Stars,
An' Slim Jim singin' a song,
An' Folks to Home watchin' them, too,
An' Maggie that never had loved me, lovin'
me now,
An' thinkin' an' cryin' for me!—
For me that loved Maggie that never loved
me till now.

Mornin' comin',
An' me—a-leadin' a column,
An' a town in the valley
Round the bend in the road.
An' Ginger strainin' his neck
An' thinkin' o' Picket Lines—
An' me an' the rest o' them thinkin' o' home
and eggs down there in the village,
An' Coney startin' to close at Home
An' Maggie mashed in the crowd—
An' me a-leadin' a column—
An' War goin' on!

Me that hollered for water,
With a splinter o' hell in my side;
Me that have laid in the sun a-cursin' the
beggars and stretchers
As looked like they'd never a-come;
Me that found God with the gas at my
throat
An' ravin' like a madman for Maggie,
An' wanted a wooden cross over me!
Me—an' Slim Jim back o' me singin',
An' tracin' a name in the fade o' the Stars!
Me—knowin' that some'll be ridin' that's
walkin' tonight—
Knowin' that some'll never see Broadway
again,
An' red wine,
An' Little Italy,
An' Maggies like Mine,—
Me!—a-murmurin' a prayer for Maggie

An' stoppin' to laugh at Slim
An' shoutin' "To the right o' the road for
the Swoi-zant-canze!"
Them babies that raise such hell up the
line,
An' marchin',
An' marchin' by night,
An' sleepin' by day,
An' France,
An' red wine,
An' me thinkin' o' Home,
Me—a-leadin' a column,—
An' War goin' on!

JOHN PALMER CUMMINGS, Inf.

Old Lady Rumor

There is nothing like a rumor just to set the
gang afire,
They receive it,
And believe it,
Does it matter who's the liar?
No, it doesn't. For as often as we hear of
something new,
Though it's doubted,
It is shouted
By our gossip loving crew.
Conversation is a morsel, and, with greedy
appetite,
How we chew it,
As we brew it,
Be it daytime, be it night.
Back in the States it started and continues
o'er the foam,
And we'll swally
It, by golly,
When we join the Soldiers' Home!
A-h-h—men-n!

C. H. MACCOY, Base Hosp. .38.

The R. T. O.

Oh, hear the song of R. T. O.
With his "40 Hommes or 8 Chevaux."
He works in the day and he works at night,
For the men must go or the men can't fight.
They call him here and they call him there,
They ask him Why and they ask him Where.
Oh, his cars don't come, but his cars must go,
Be it wet or dry or rain or snow,
If they call for Hommes or they want
Chevaux.
Thus goes the song of the R. T. O.
Oh, it's "How we love you, R. T. O.
With your '40 Hommes or 8 Chevaux!'
Say, whadja do before the war—
Work in a packin' house? O Lor'!
We got an army in here now,
And we ain't got room for our packs and
chow.
They's 40 Hommes aboard, you KNOW,
So come ahead with your 8 Chevaux,
And shout 'Allez' and away we'll go.
Oh, how we LOVE you, R. T. O.!"

Heaven help the R. T. O.
 With his "40 Hommes or 8 Chevaux!"
 He's got five hundred men to load
 On a few cars and a busy road.
 Oh, the war won't end if he don't make good,
 'Cause he's got to send 'em the men and
 food,
 Be it wet or dry or rain or snow.
 And they call for Hommes or they want
 Chevaux,
 There's hell to pay if the stuff don't go,
 So Heaven help the R. T. O.

A. P. BOWEN, Sgt., R T. O.

The Doughboy Promises

SHE

When you come back—
 Ah, 'twill be such returning
 As only lips like mine can sanctify!
 Then will my arms, that ache with endless
 yearning,
 Find sweet surcease from the regret of
 learning
 To give you up, if need there be, to die.

Should you come back
 Aged from the toil of fighting,
 Marred, it may be, though perfect you set
 out,
 What matters, so your heart has known no
 blighting,
 Your soul has met the test without affright-
 ing?
 What is there, dear one, after that, to doubt!
Oh, but you must come back to me, beloved!
Wounded or no, you must come back.

HE

When I come back,
 Beneath my helmet muddy,
 There'll be a smile, stored through the strife,
 for you;
 There'll be a kiss, tender and warm—aye,
 ruddy
 With hint of Gallic skies, for my real
 buddy
 (That's soldier talk, and soldier talk rings
 true).

As I come back,
 Down the street flags adorning,
 Half seeing all the pomp for sight of you,
 Foretaste I'll know of gladsome days a-born-
 ing
 For us, come out of Night at last to
 Morning
 From the Long Trail that terminates for two.

Oh, but I will come back to you, my Mother!
Wounded? Why, no! . . . I will come
 back!

ARTHUR McKEOGH, Lt. Inf.

Road to Montfaucon

"M. P., the road to Avocourt
 That leads to Montfaucon?"
 "The road, sir, black with mules and carts
 And brown with men a-marching on—
 The Romagne woods that lie beyond
 The ruined heights of Montfaucon—

"North over reclaimed No Man's Land
 The martyred roadway leads,
 Quick with forward moving hosts
 And quick with valiant deeds
 Avenging Rheims, Liege, and Lille,
 And outraged gods and creeds.

"There lies the road from Avocourt
 That leads to Montfaucon,
 Past sniper and machine gun nest,
 By steel and thermite cleansed. They're
 gone—
 And there in thund'rous echelon
 The ruined heights of Montfaucon."

HAROLD RIEZELMAN, 1st Lt., C. W. S.

There's About Two Million Fellows

There's about two million fellows from the
 North, South, East, and West,
 Who scurried up the gang plank of a ship;
 They have felt the guy ropes paying and the
 troopship gently swaying
 As it started on its journey from the country
 of the blest.
 They have washed in hard salt water, bucked
 the Army transport grub,
 Had a hitch of crow's nest duty on the way;
 Strained their eyes mistaking white caps for
 a humpback Prussian sub
 Just at twilight when "the danger's great,
 they say."
 When their ship had lost the convoy they
 were worried just a bit,
 And rather thought the skipper should be
 canned;
 And the sigh of heartfelt feeling almost set
 the boat to reeling
 When each of those two million sighted
 land.

There's about two million fellows that have
 landed here in France,
 They're scattered, GOD and G. H. Q. know
 where;
 By the cranes where steamers anchor,
 schooner, tramp, or greasy tanker,
 There's an O. D. outfit waiting just to make
 the cargo dance.
 They are chopping in the forest, double-
 timing on the roads,
 Putting two-ways where a single went be-
 fore;
 In the cabs of sweating engines, pushing,
 pulling double loads
 When the R. T. O.'s in frenzied tones implore.

For it's duty, solid duty with the hustling
men behind,
From the P. of E.'s on up to No Man's Land;
And there's never chance of shirking when
the boys up front are working—
Night and day must go the answer to the
front line's stern command.

There's about two million fellows and there's
some of them who lie
Where eighty-eights and G. I.'s gently drop;
Where the trucks and trains are jamming and
the colonel he is damning
Half the earth and in particular the Service
of Supply.
They have had a stretch of trenches, beat the
Prussian at his best,
Seen their buddies fall like heroes right
beside;
But—there's nigh two million fellows from
the country of the blest
Who know the cause for which their com-
rades died,
Who have crossed the sluggish shallows
where their little life streams ran
And broadened just a trifle, you will find;
And their vision's cleaner, clearer, and they
hold just that much dearer
The great and glorious land they left behind!

ALBERT J. COOK,
Sgt., Hq. Detch., Army Corps.

The Lost Towns

Beneath the new moon sleeping
The little lost towns lie;
Their streets are very white and hushed,
Their black spires tilt the sky.

Across the darkened meadows
A plaintive night bird calls;
The sea of fog that clouds the fields
Rolls softly to their walls.

Within their shuttered houses
No midnight candles glance;
Their womenfolk are all abed,
Their menfolk fight for France.

They dream, the little lost towns
Of Alsace and Lorraine,
The vision of the patient years,
The old frontier again.

Sleep on, nor cease your dreaming,
Who pitted men and crowns,
We'll bring you back, we'll bring you back,
O little, long lost towns.

STEURT H. EMERY, Pvt., M. P.

When the Bugles Blow Again

When the bugles blow again,
Across the misty fields—
For silently they long have lain,
Their lips by orders sealed—
I know that all is well with us,
That war and death are o'er
That soon I'll hear a mother's voice,
Sweet, as in days of yore.

When the bugles blow again,
As clear as Sabbath bells,
I know that fever, cold and pain,
And gas, and mud, and bursting shells
Are memories: that we have won!
That ne'er again shall we go forth
Full battle fledged to fight the Hun,
Though mindful evil's still on earth.

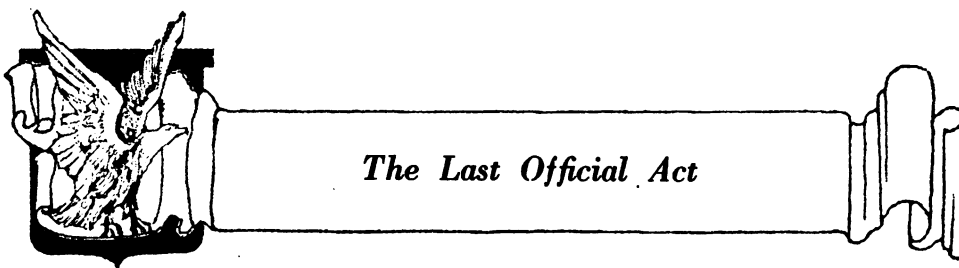
When the bugles blow again—
Revell-y, taps, tattoo—

The notes as sweet as summer rain,
So clearly phrased, a-new
Stir in my heart a love of life,
A fierce, long hope, and I
Who laughed at flame and shot and knife,
No longer wish to die.

When the bugles blow again,
The echo comes from you,
Across the land, across the plain,
To tell me you are true.
Bugles that erstwhile sounded strife,
Sound with the same notes, home;
Sound with the same notes, life;
Sound with the same notes, home.

PAUL S. BLISS.

*Written at Chateau de Chehery, Nov. 28,
1919, when fatigue call was blown by Sam
Cobb. Note: the bugle was never used near
the front until after the Armistice was signed.*



The Last Official Act

IT is a hot day—July 8, 1919. The place is Camp Shelby, Miss. The exact time is 2:45 P. M.

At this minute the 805th Pioneer Infantry becomes history, for Lieut. George F. Doyle, personnel adjutant at Camp Shelby, has just signed his name to the following document:

“Received of Lieut. Colonel Willis Bacon, 805th Pioneer Infantry, complete records of the 805th Pioneer Infantry, checked and found O. K.”

As the regimental historian writes this, the last official act is taking place:

Lieut. Colonel Bacon, sweating, and Lieut. F. D. Preston, also sweating, are “policing up” Building 320 at Camp Shelby, for the enlisted staff is gone. They are raising plenty of dust. There is much paper to be gathered up. Both are stripped to their undershirts.

They call upon the regimental adjutant and historian for assistance. A typewriter box filled with papers and trash, also one “G. I.” can, are carried out behind the building, and Lieut. Preston stoops, and with lighted match touches off the funeral pyre.

For three days the Personnel Adjutant has been working night and day getting records in shape to be sent to the Adjutant General of the Army. There are morning reports, retained copies of pay rolls—a million and one things.

He stands, does Lieut. R. A. Dornfeld, looking over my shoulder, his sleeves rolled up; a handkerchief, soaking wet, upon his head.

He heaves a sigh of relief.

There is a lull—just a moment of quiet.

And Colonel Bacon comes back with a big motor car which is to take us to Hattiesburg to catch our trains for home.



Lieutenant F. D. Preston
Performing the Last Official Act.



FINIS.

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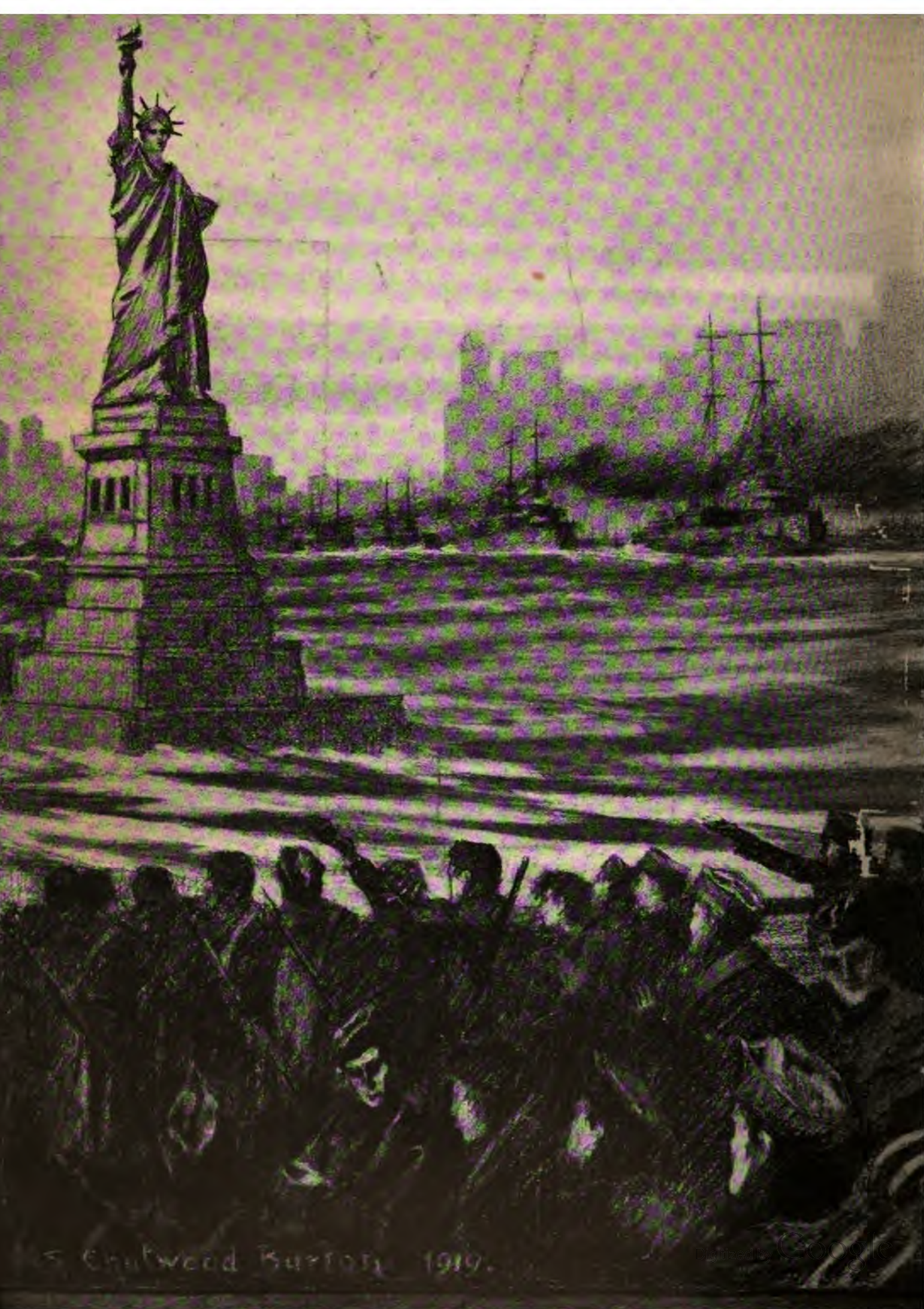
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His Return.....

His Discharge.....

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